

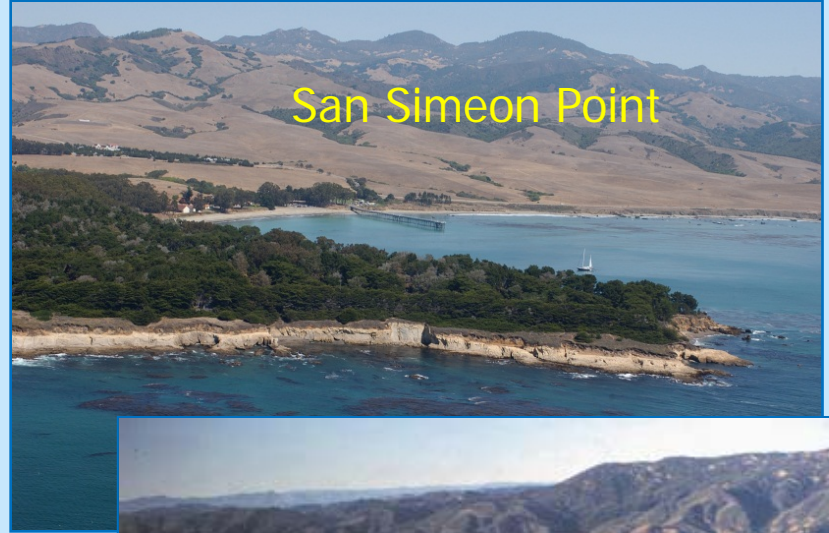
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State Capitol, Thursday, January 16, 2014

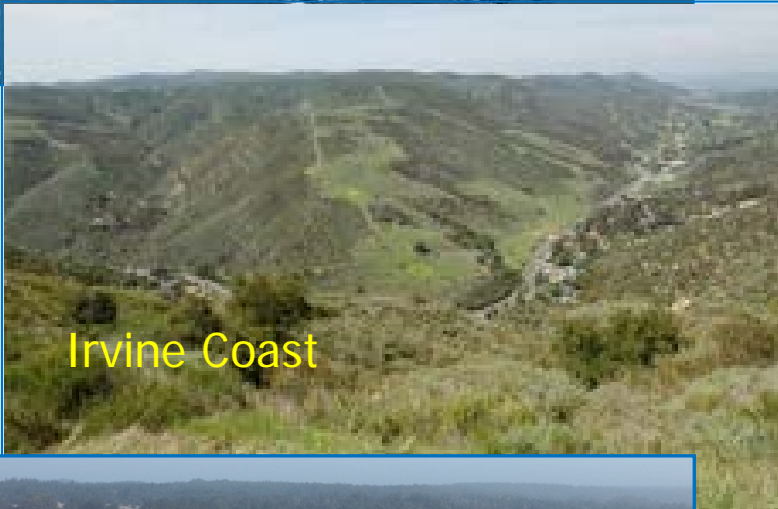
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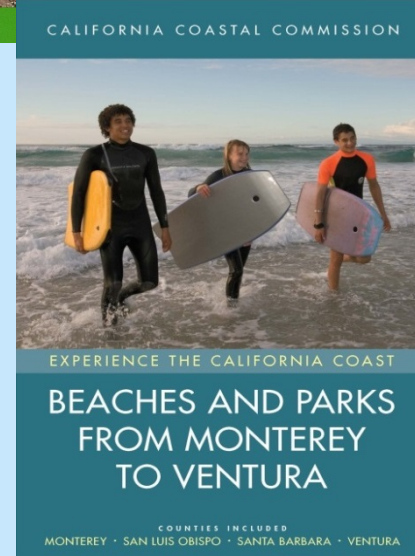
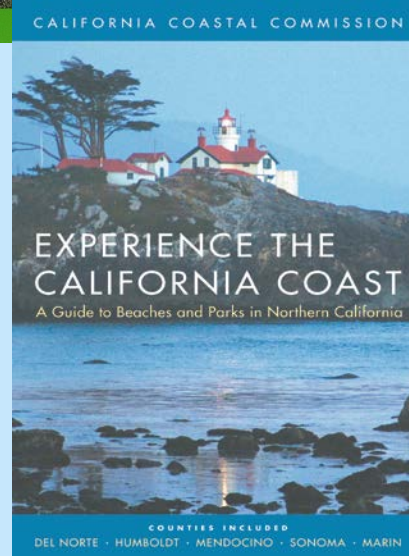
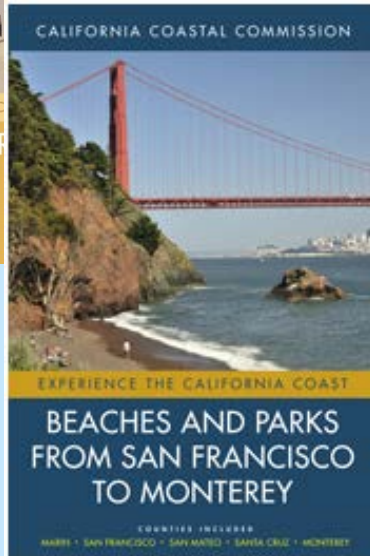
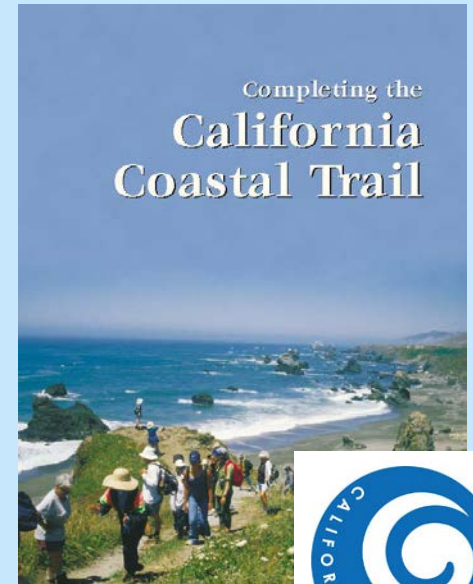
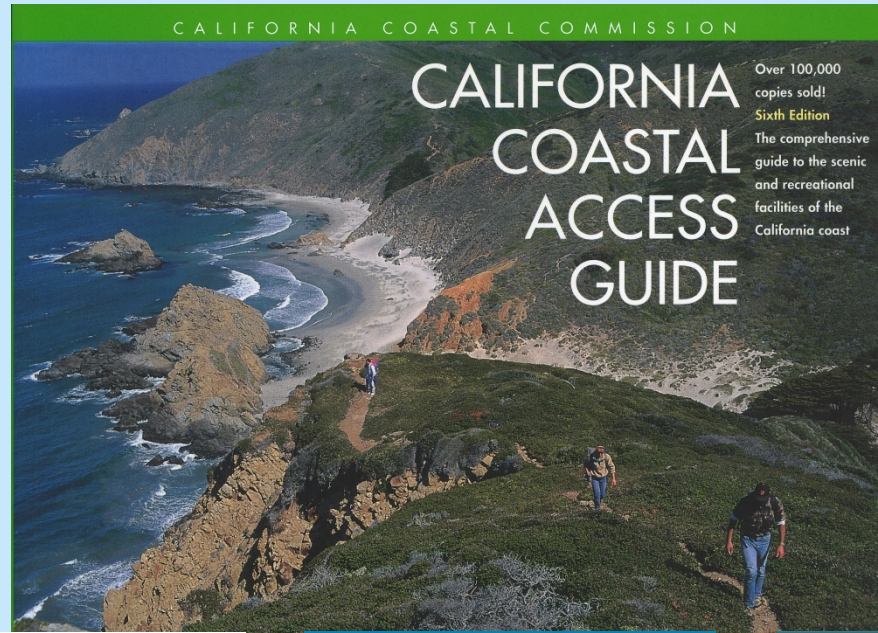
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Public Access & Recreation



CARBON BEACH ACCESS



--- Public Access Easements
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Note: All easement boundary locations approximate. For illustrative purposes only. Easements extend seaward to Mean High Tide Line.
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Coast and Ocean Economy

- **\$40 Billion** Annual Coast and Ocean Economy
(National Economics Program (2005))
- California Beach Valuation:
 - **\$14 Billion** direct revenue, **\$73 Billion** to National Economy, annually (King, 1999)
 - Up to **\$7.5 Billion/year** in non-market value from California beach visits (Pendleton & Kildow, 2006)
 - **\$38 Billion** annually and Californian's WTP **\$25 billion/year** to protect state's beaches (King, 1997)

Partnerships are Key

- **61 Coastal Cities**

- Crescent City
- Trinidad
- Arcata
- Eureka
- Fortuna
- Fort Bragg
- Point Arena
- Daly City
- Pacifica
- Half Moon Bay
- Santa Cruz
- Capitola
- Watsonville
- Marina
- Sand City
- Seaside
- Monterey
- Pacific Grove
- Carmel
- Morro Bay
- Pismo Beach
- Grover Beach
- Guadalupe
- Goleta
- Santa Barbara
- Carpinteria
- Ventura
- Oxnard
- Port Hueneme
- Malibu
- Los Angeles
- Santa Monica
- El Segundo
- Manhattan Beach
- Hermosa Beach
- Redondo Beach
- Torrance
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Long Beach
- Avalon
- Seal Beach
- Huntington Beach
- Costa Mesa
- Newport Beach
- Irvine
- Laguna Beach
- Aliso Viejo
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• 15 Coastal Counties

– Del Norte

– Humboldt

– Mendocino

– Sonoma

– Marin

– San

Francisco

– San Mateo

– Santa Cruz

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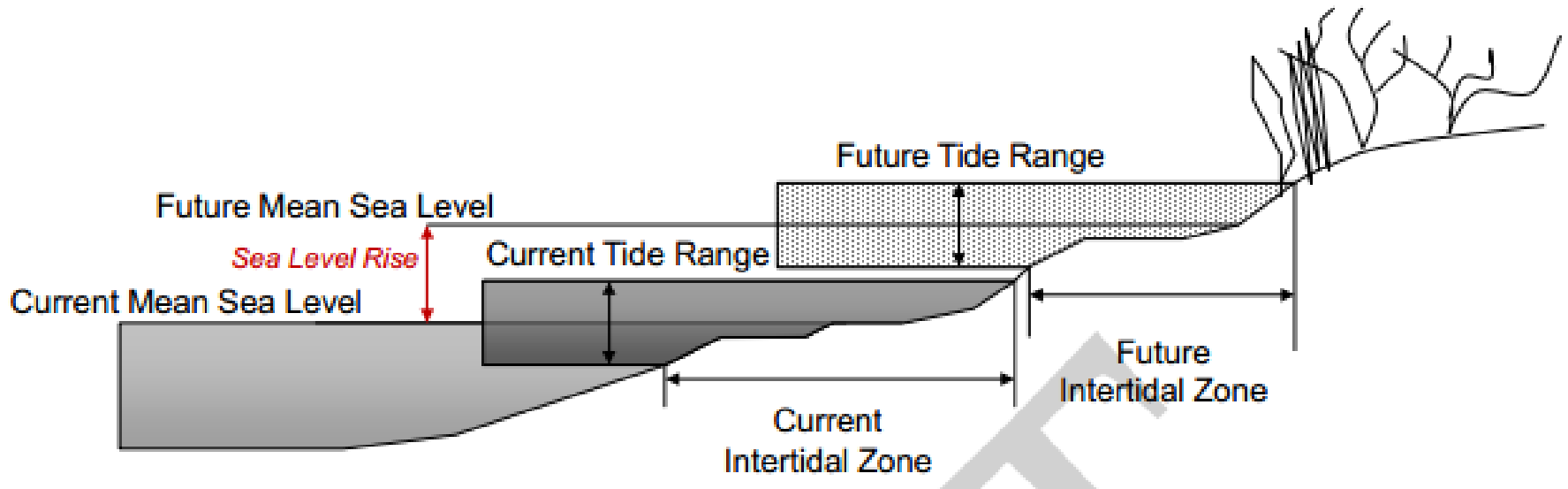


- Ocean Protection Council
- State Lands Commission
- State Coastal Conservancy
- SF BCDC

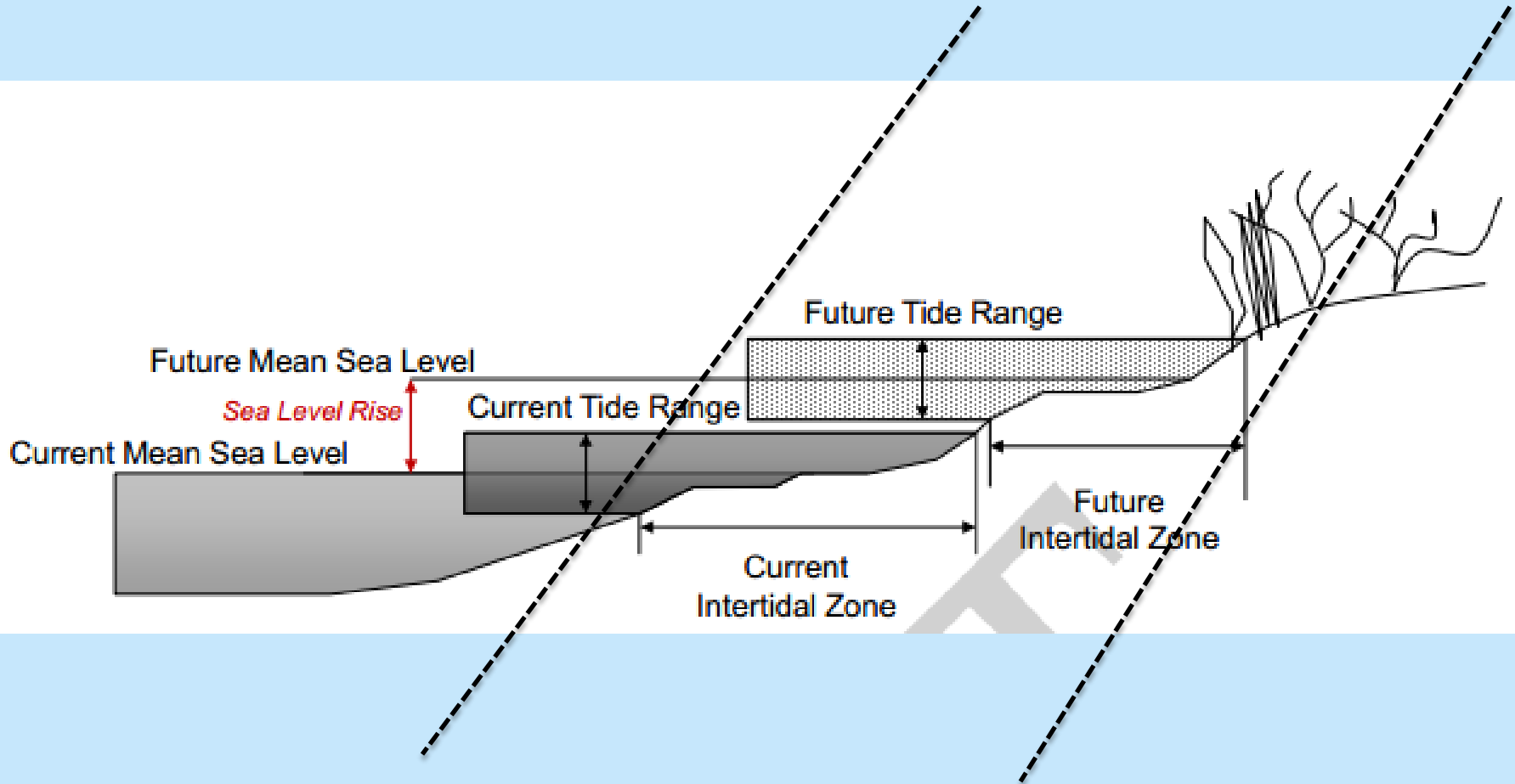
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- Caltrans
- Federal Agencies



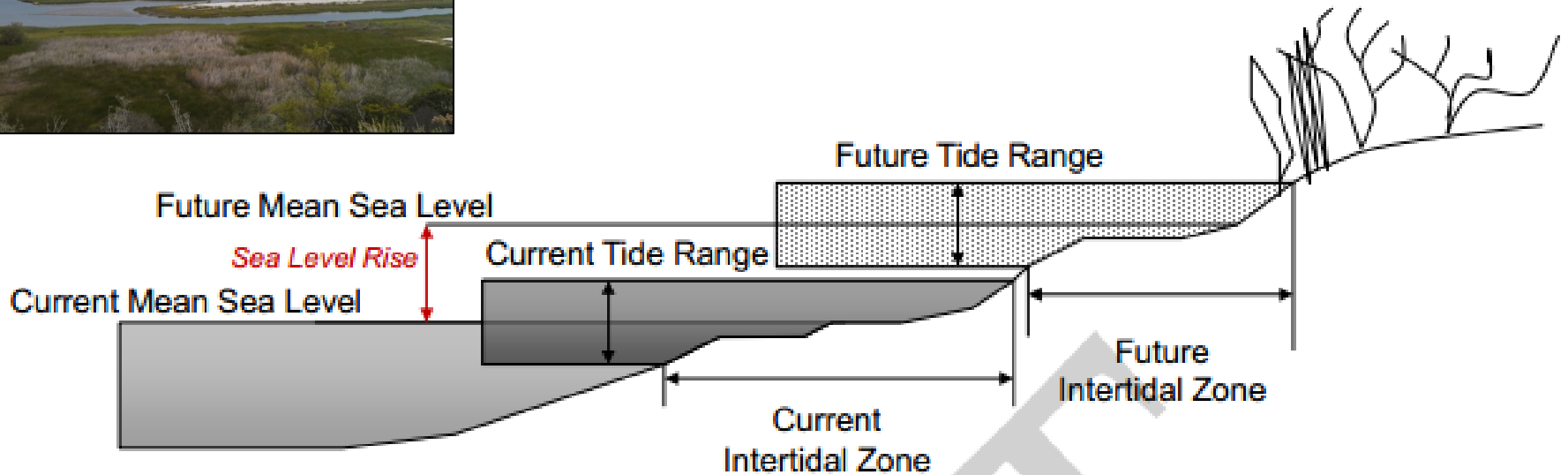
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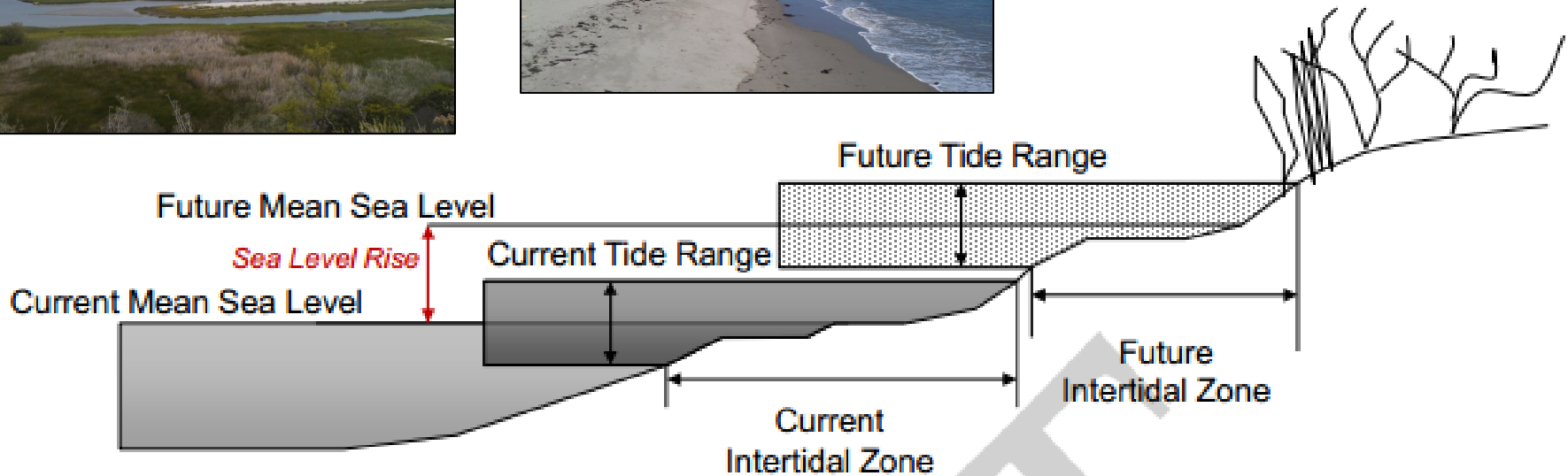
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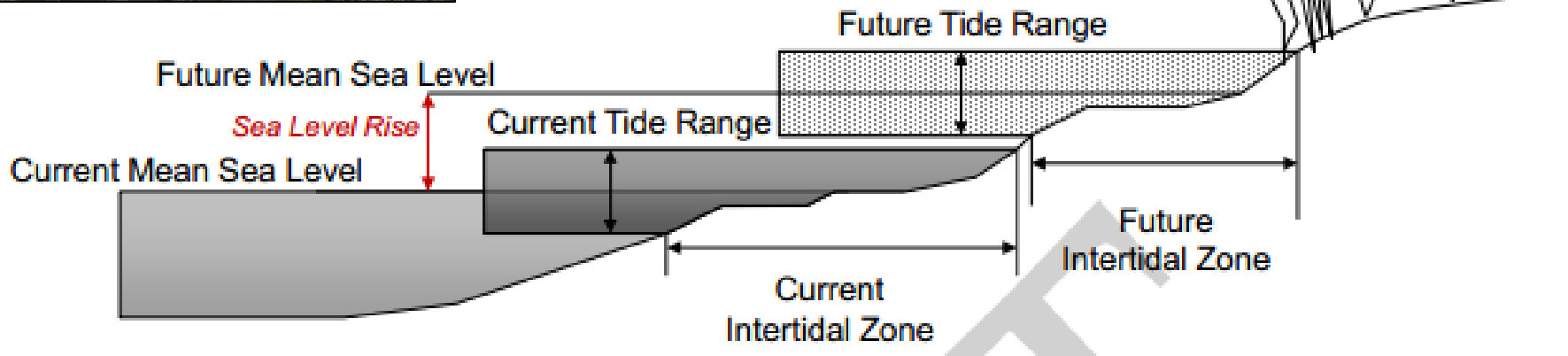
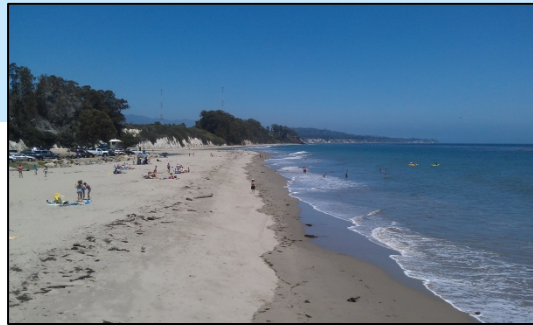
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Coastal Act Framework

- Most Development in Coastal Zone must get a **permit** from the Commission or local government, and be consistent with the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Programs (LCPs).
- Local governments must prepare LCPs, approved by the Commission, that identify the **kinds, locations, and intensities of development**, and policies and regulations to implement the Coastal Act.

Coastal Act Hazards Management

- PRC 30253 requires that **new development** minimize risks to life and property and not require the construction of shoreline protective structures.
- PRC 30235 requires the Commission to approve shoreline structures for endangered **existing development** if it is the least environmentally-damaging, feasible alternative and sand supply impacts are mitigated.

Development Setback – Pismo Beach



LCP Setback Policies

- LCPs typically require new development to be setback to be safe for its “economic life”.
- Economic Life ranges from 50 to 100 years.
- 13 LCPs have policies that require specific consideration of sea level rise in setback determinations.
- For example, Crescent City LCP amendment (June, 2009): plan for 3-6 feet of sea level rise per century.

Risk Analysis – Determining Setbacks

Data Record: Episodic
Bluff Retreat Events
20' of retreat in 1954
10' of retreat in 1959
30' of retreat in 1968
10' of retreat in 1971
10' of retreat in 1987



Theoretical Retreat Rates

Time Period	Total Measured Retreat	Erosion Rates	50-year Setback
1950-1990	80'	2 ft./yr.	100'
1960-1990	50'	1.67 ft./yr.	83'
1970-1990	20'	1 ft./yr.	50'

Cliffs Hotel – Pismo Beach

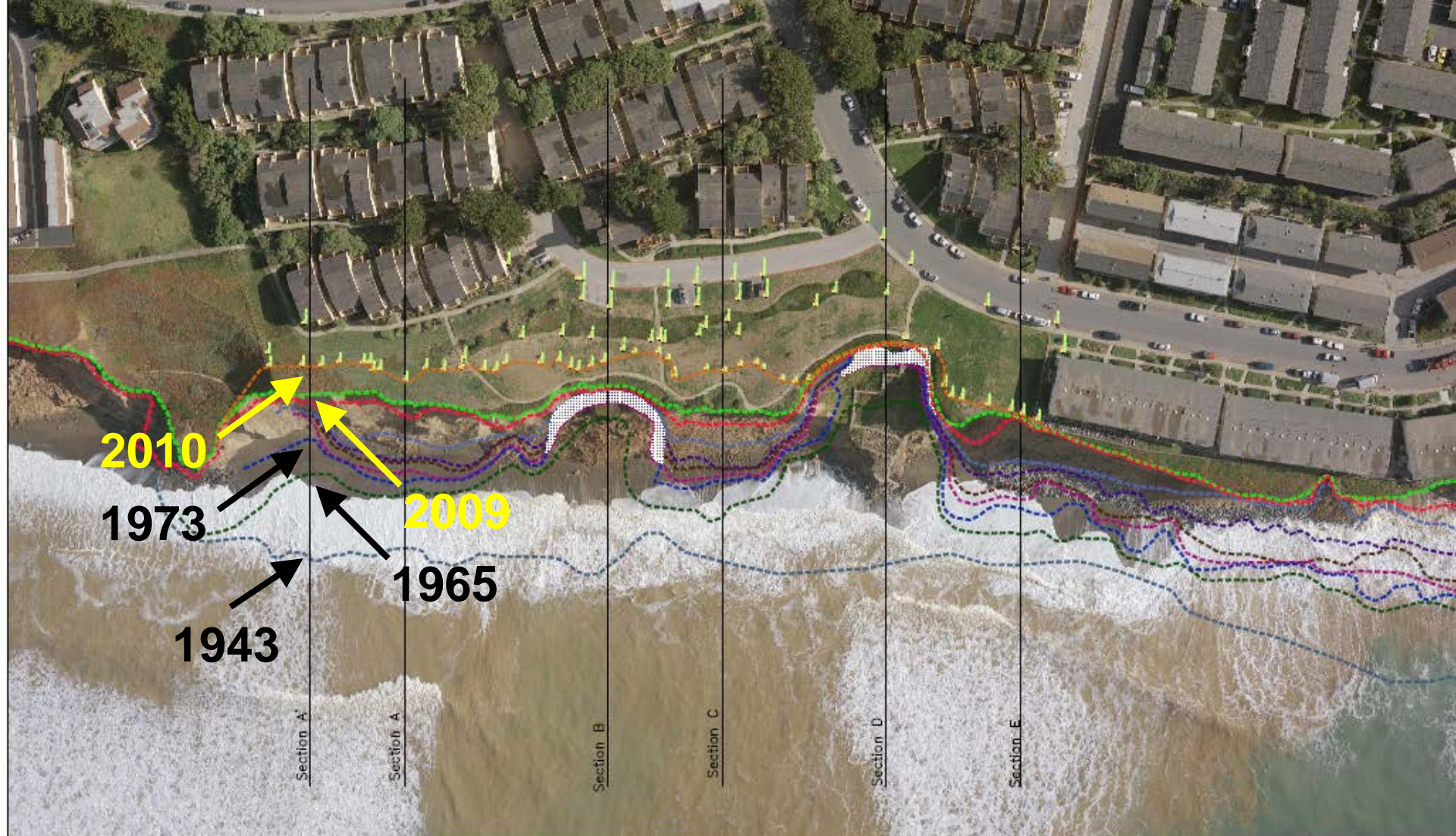


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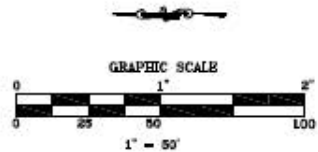


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Land's End -- Pacifica



Land's End -- Pacifica



Lands End -- Pacifica



Lands End -- Pacifica



Projected Erosion – 75 years



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Refined Slope stability setback methods

Establishing Development Setbacks from Coastal Bluffs
Mark J. Johnson¹

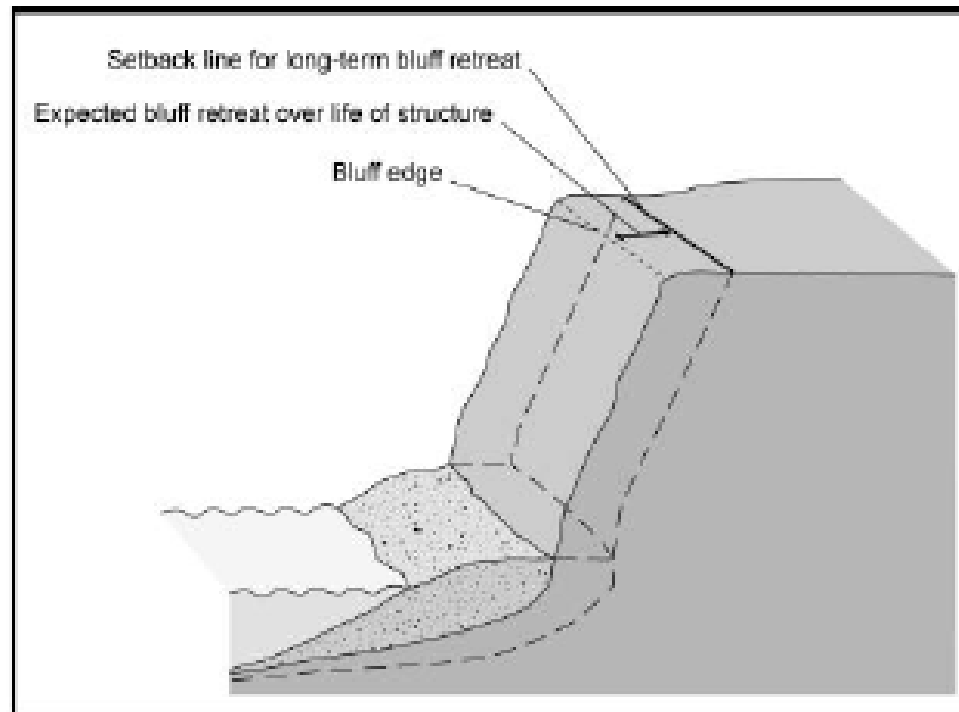


Figure 5. Establishing a development setback for long term bluff retreat. The expected bluff position at the end of the development's useful life is found by multiplying the average annual bluff retreat rate by the design life of the development; this line is taken to represent the minimum setback for long-term bluff retreat.

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- (a) That the site is subject to extreme coastal hazards including but not limited to episodic and long-term shoreline retreat and coastal erosion, high seas, ocean waves, storms, tsunamis, coastal flooding, landslides, and geologic instability;
- (b) To assume the risks to the Permittees and the property that is the subject of this permit of injury and damage from such hazards in connection with this permitted development;
- (c) To unconditionally waive any claim of damage or liability against the Commission, its officers, agents, and employees for injury or damage from such hazards;
- (d) To indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to the Commission's approval of the project against any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs (including costs and fees incurred in defense of such claims), expenses, and amounts paid in settlement arising from any injury or damage due to such hazards, and;
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- (c) The Permittees waive any rights to construct such devices that may exist under Public Resources Code Section 30235;
- (d) The landowner(s) shall remove the development authorized by this Permit if any government agency has ordered that the structures are not to be occupied due to any of the coastal hazards identified above, and;
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(a) Development seaward of the approved residence is prohibited except for maintenance of native landscaping and maintenance of existing development on the site such as split-rail fencing, stairs to the rocky shelf, etc.;

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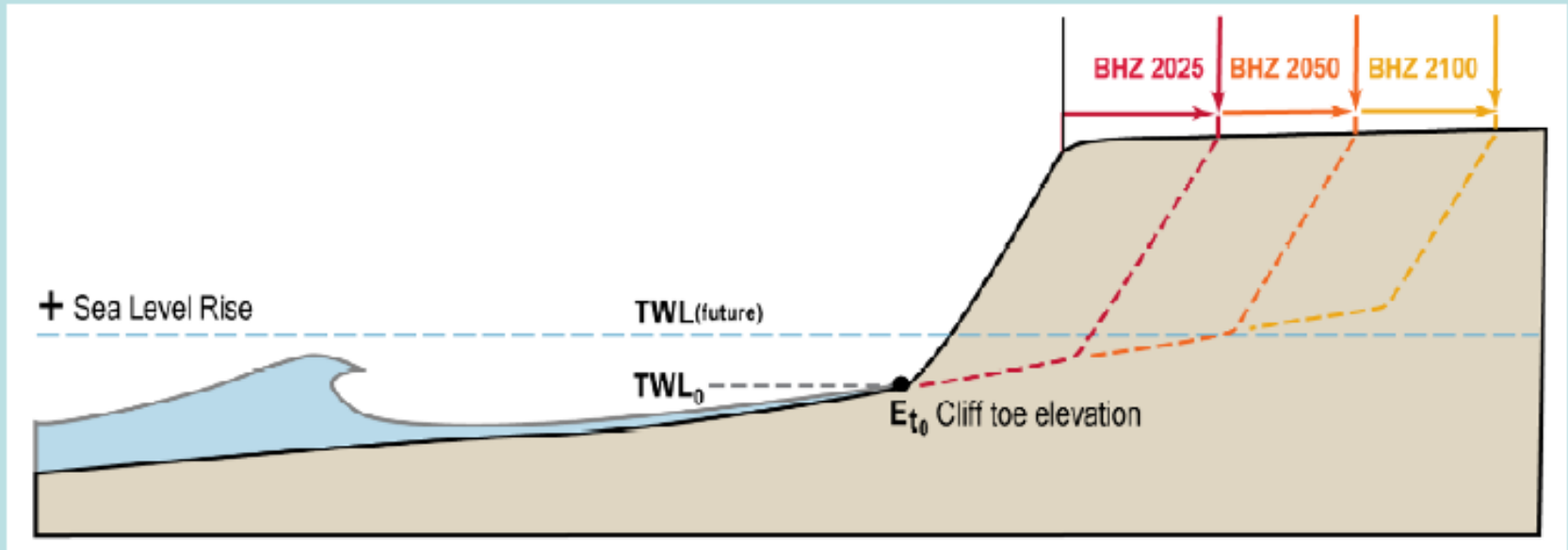
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Black's Point – Santa Cruz



Cliff Erosion Model



- Acceleration of historic erosion rates (R_h)
- Prorated based on % increase in TWL exceeding the elevation of the toe of the beach/cliff junction
- Include geologic unit standard deviation x planning horizon to account for alongshore variability

Dave Revell, PWA Presentation to CCC, 4/09/09



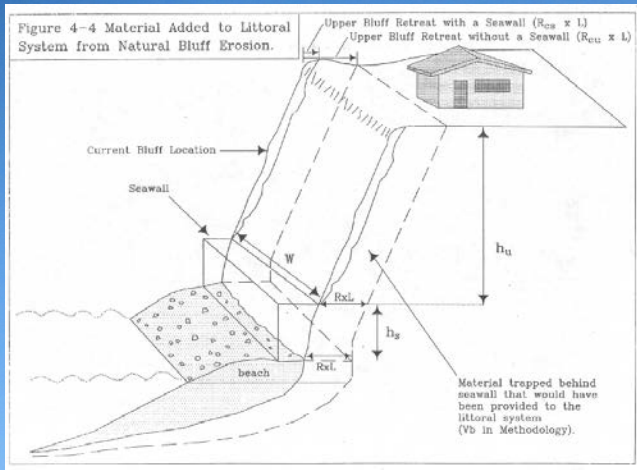
Live Oak Shoreline—Santa Cruz County



Shoreline Structure Impacts: Covered Beaches



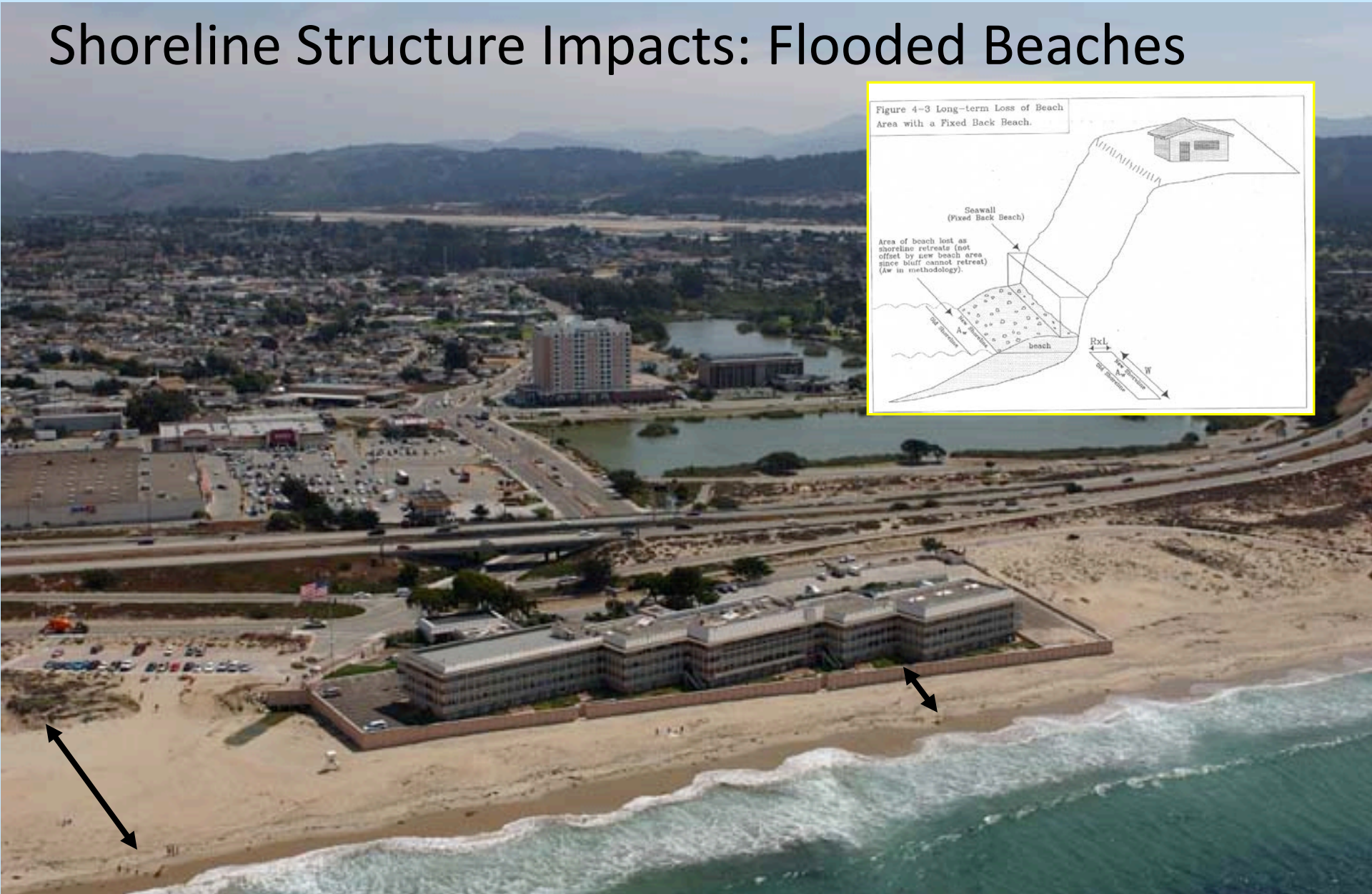
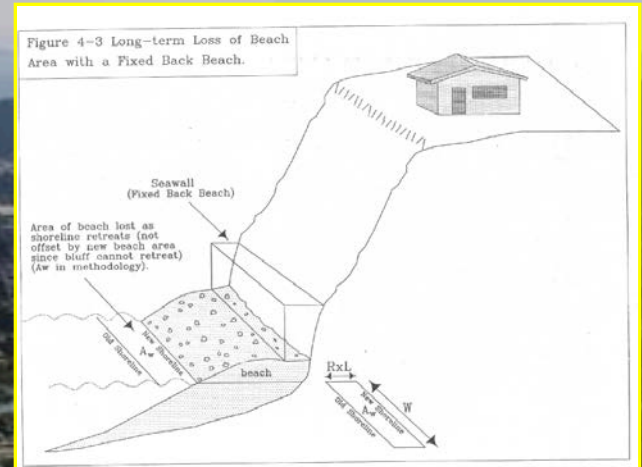
Shoreline Structure Impacts: Lost Sand Supply



Shoreline Structure Impacts: Blocked lateral access

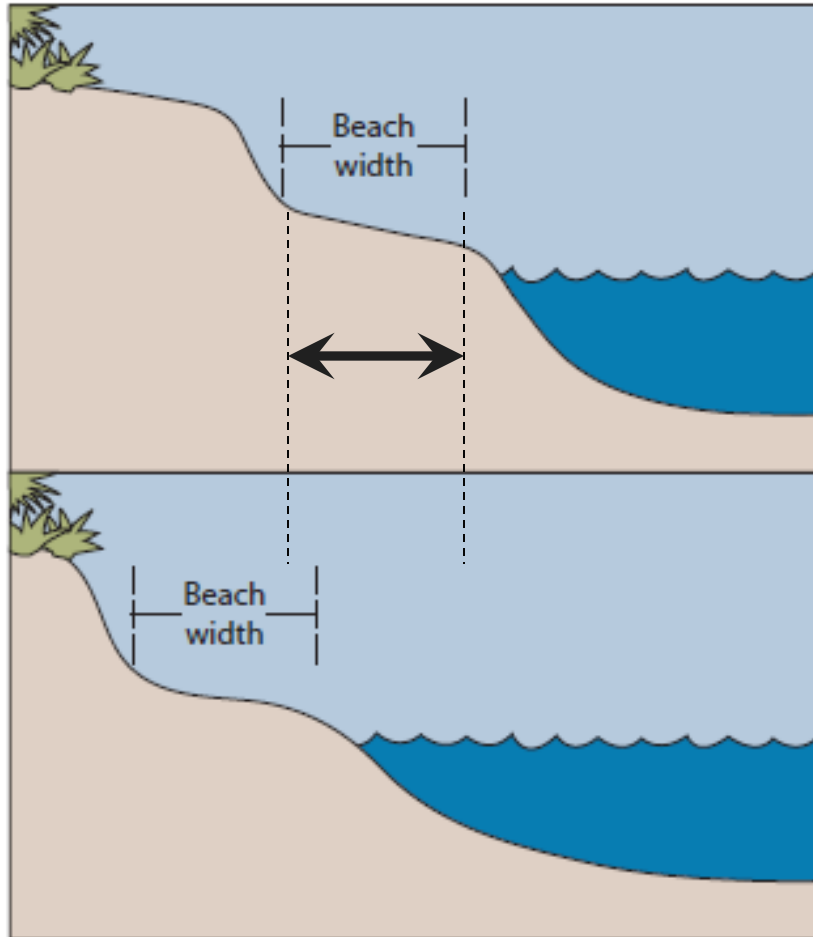


Shoreline Structure Impacts: Flooded Beaches

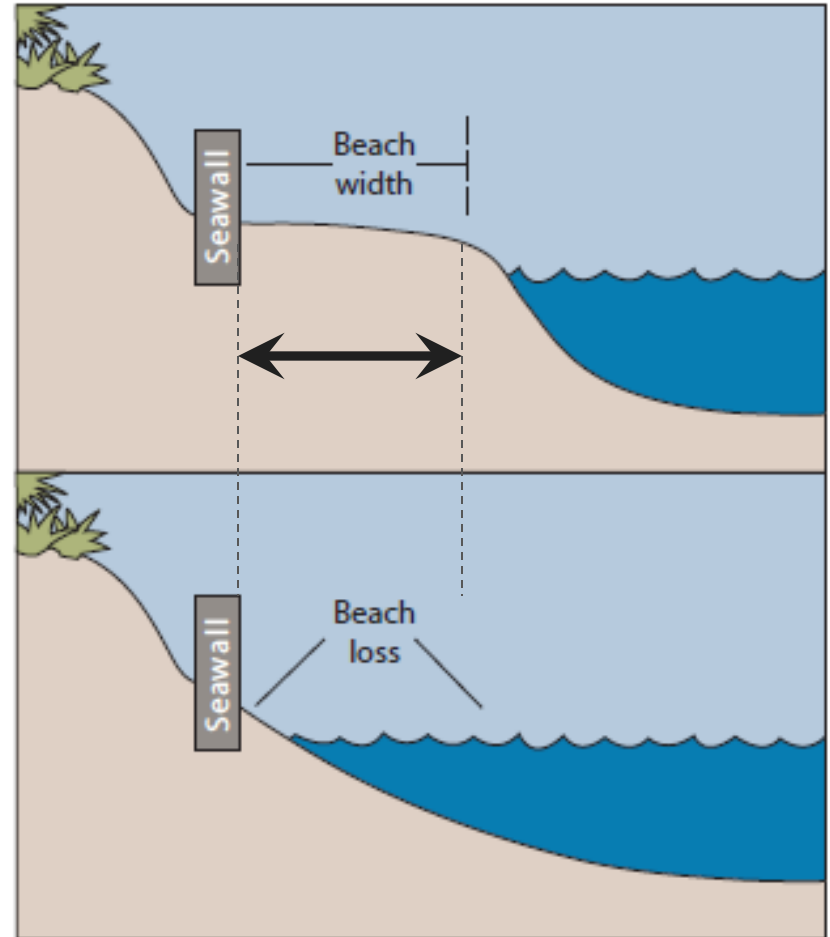


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Normal Beach Retreat

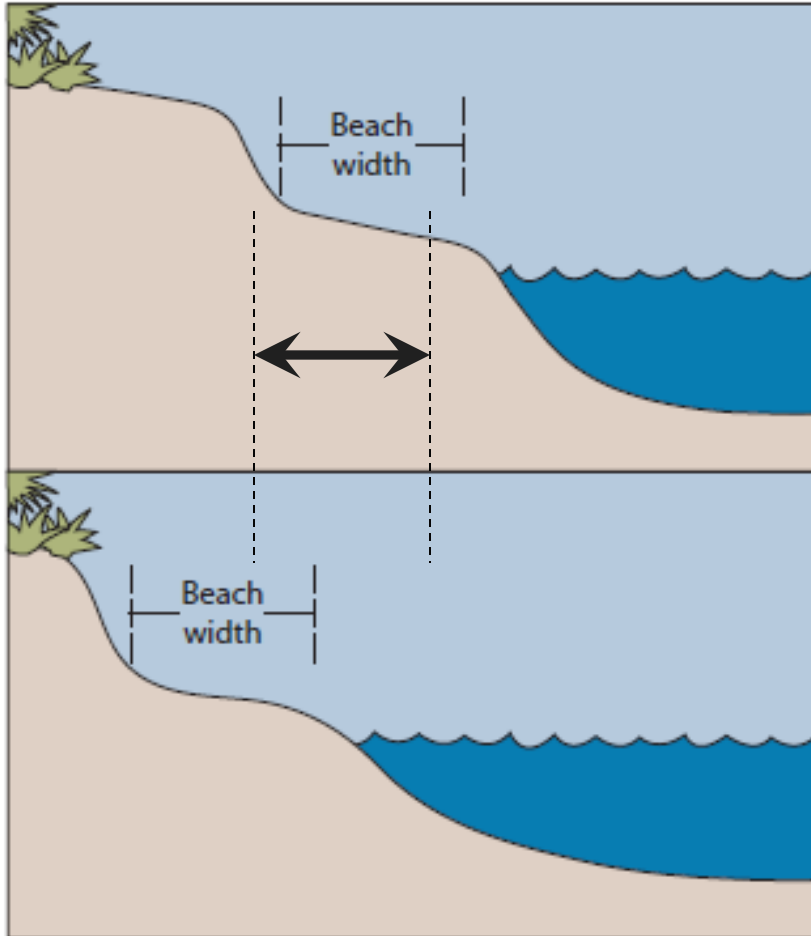


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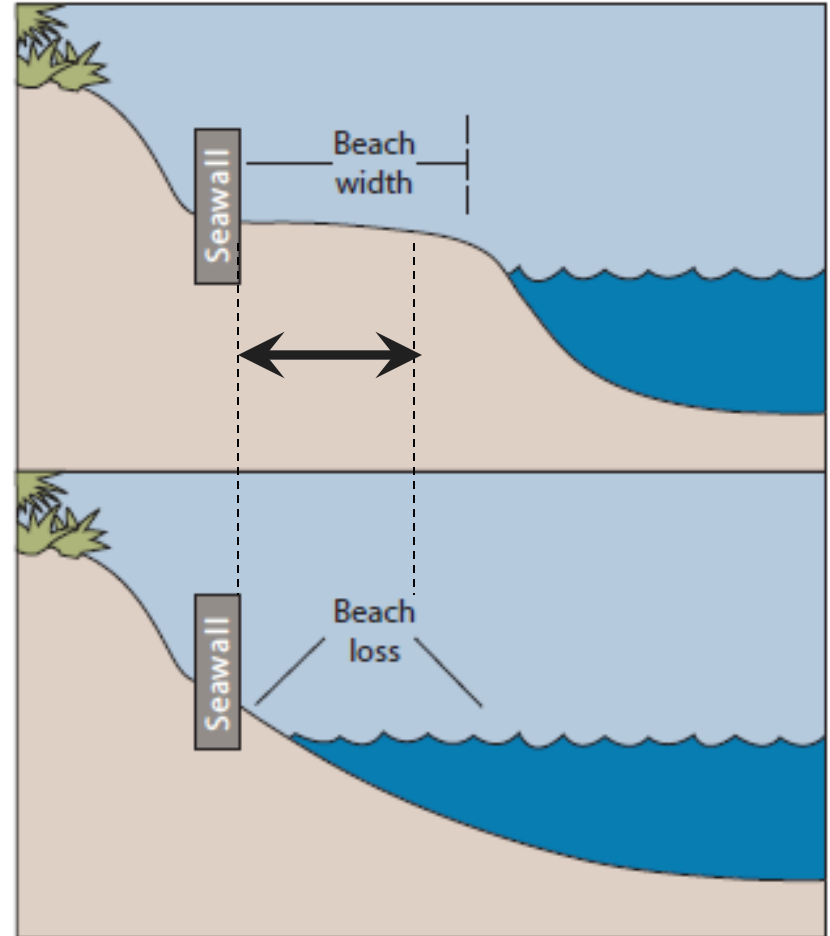


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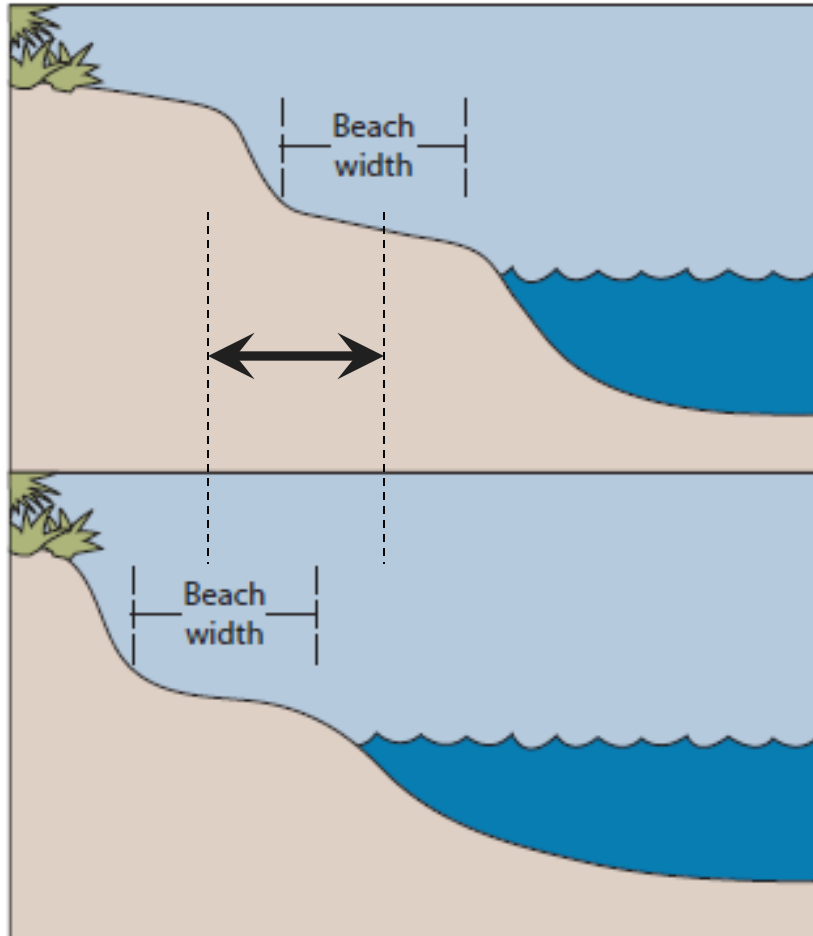


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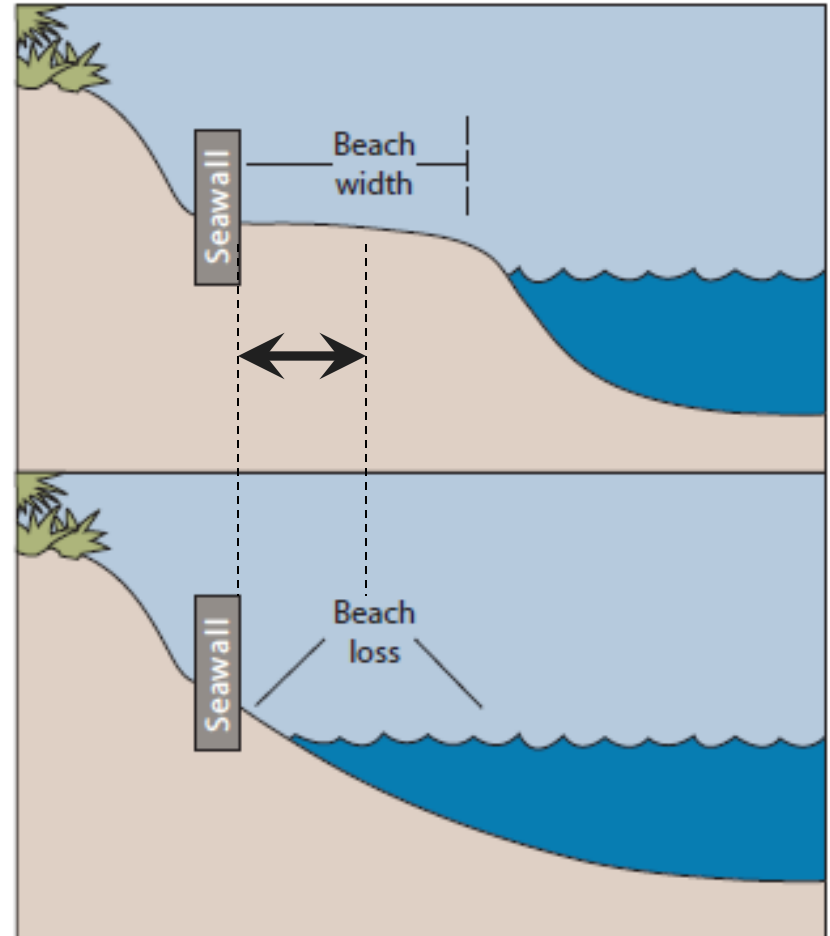


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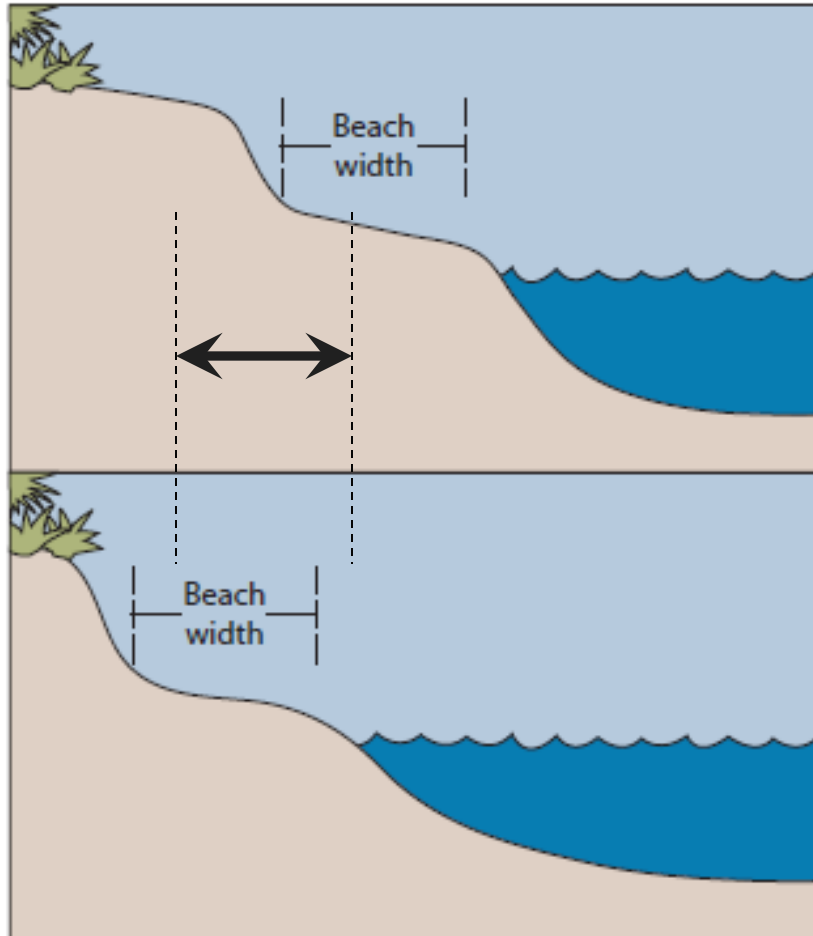


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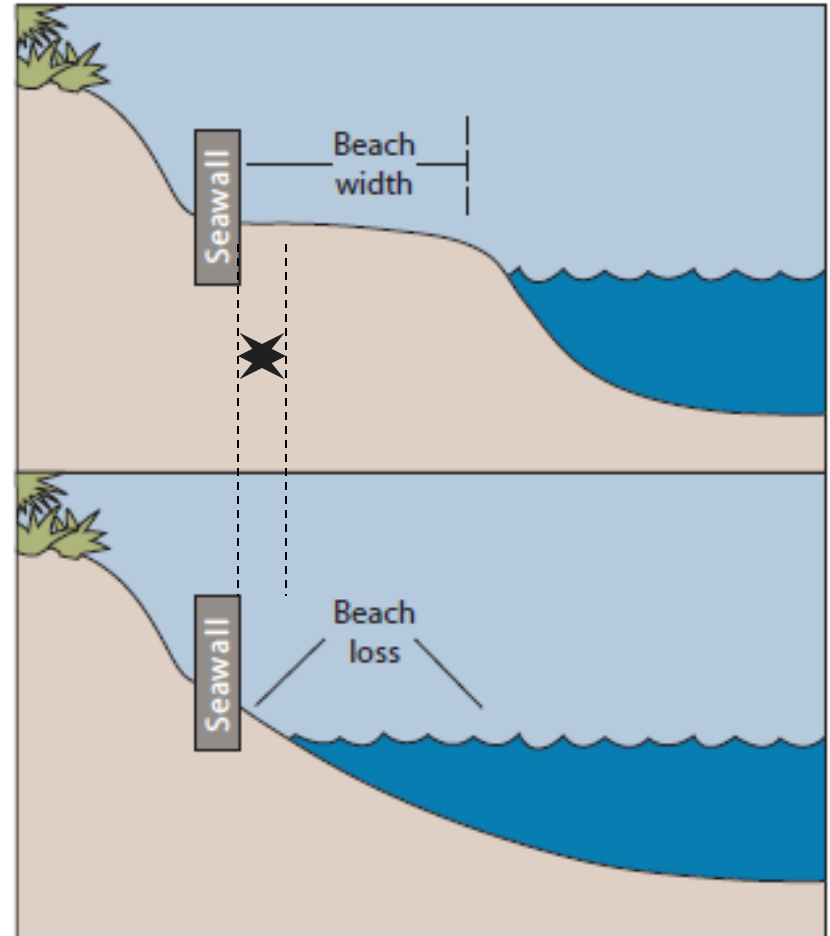


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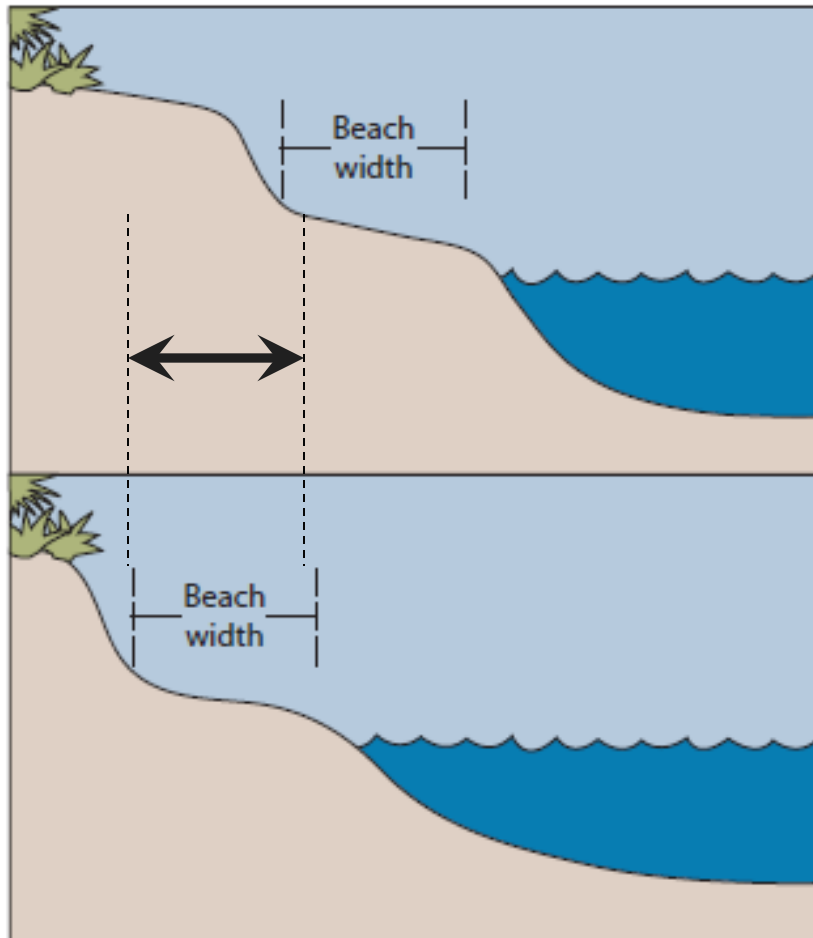


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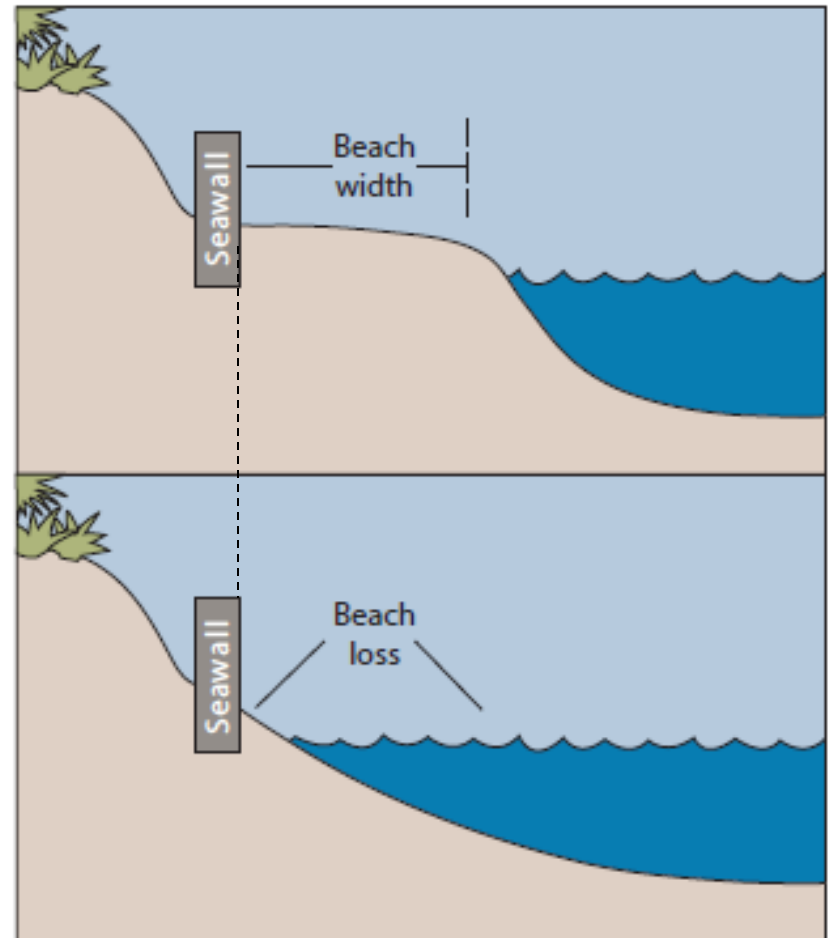


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Shoreline Structure Impacts: Flooded Beaches



Shoreline Structure Impacts: Loss of beach/shoreline ecology



Shoreline Structure Impacts: Aesthetic Impacts





**Ocean Harbor
House: \$5.3
million fee
(50 yrs)**

Internalizing the True Costs of Sea Walls



Seawall Aesthetics & Design



Ritz Carlton – Half Moon Bay



Ritz Carlton – Half Moon Bay



Planned Retreat for Major Public Infrastructure – Highway 1

Gleason's Beach



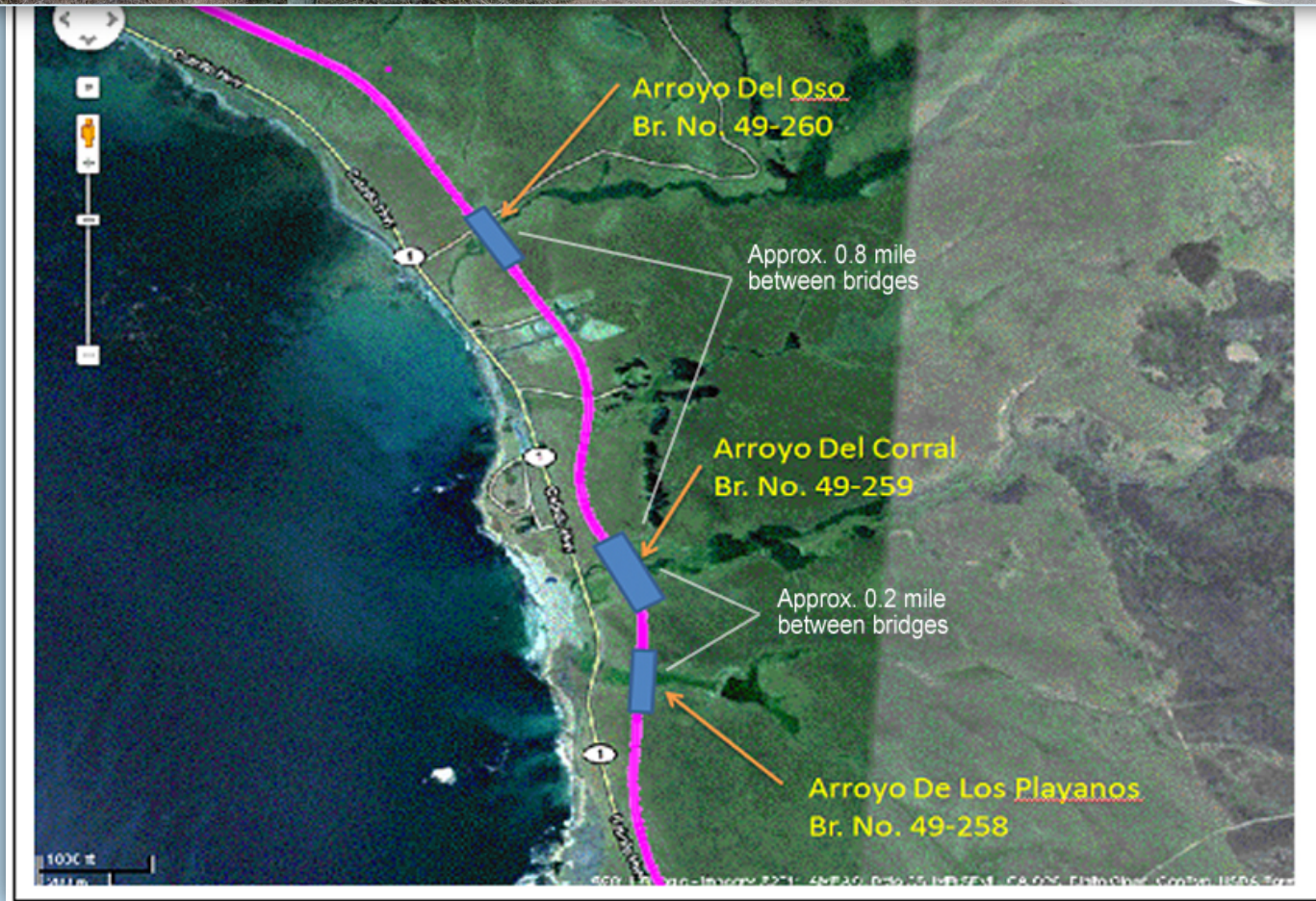
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Piedras Blancas Realignment – SLO County



Planned Retreat for Major Infrastructure



Post WWII Development Boom

Santa Cruz Co, Opal Cliffs -- **1943**



Santa Cruz Co, Opal Cliffs -- **1967**



Source: <http://library.ucsc.edu/maps/view-digitized-aerial-flight-photos-by-county>

Urban areas on Eroding Shorelines: Planned Retreat??



Reinvesting in Shoreline Development



1972

Reinvesting in Shoreline Development



Today

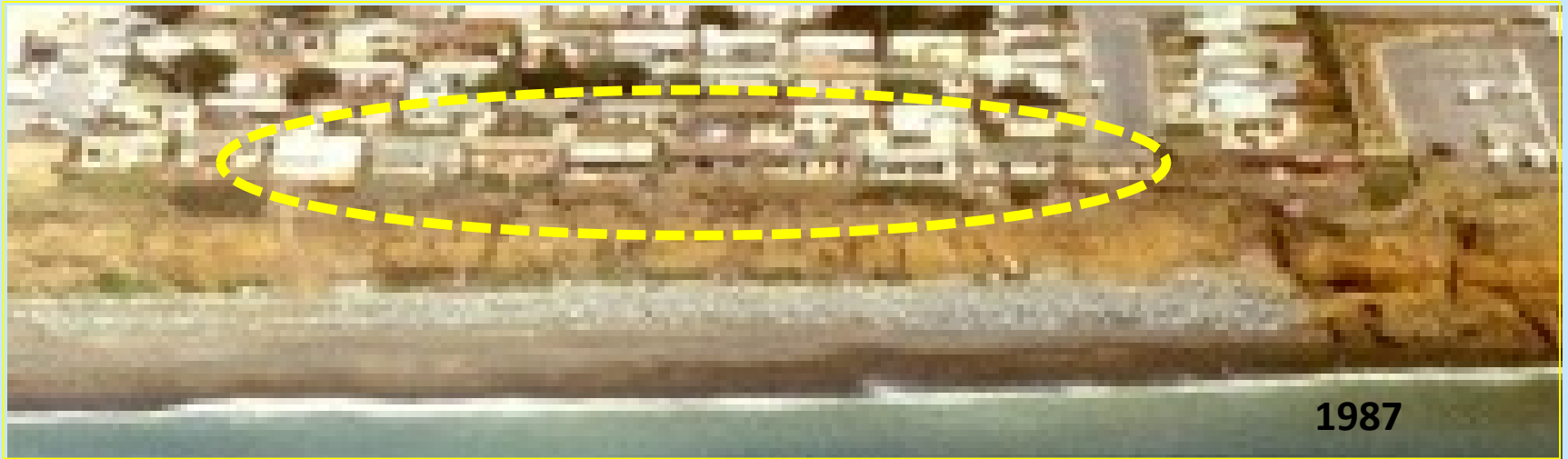
LCPs and Redevelopment Rules



Gleason's Beach – Nature's Indifference



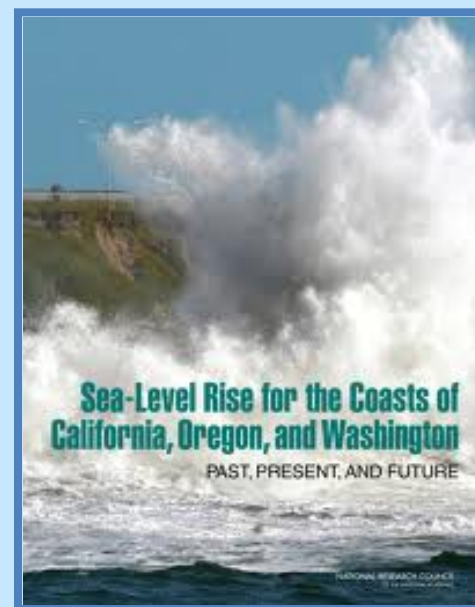
Pacifica – Revetments and Red Tags



Best Available Science on SLR

□ National Research Council Report SLR Projections for California

Time Period	South of Cape Mendocino	North of Cape Mendocino
2000-2030	4 – 30 cm (1.5 – 12 inches)	-4 – +23 cm (-1.5 – 9 inches)
2000-2050	12 – 61 cm (5 – 24 inches)	-3 – + 48 cm (-1.2 – 19 inches)
2000-2100	42 – 167 cm (17 – 66 inches)	10 – 143 cm (3.6 – 56 inches)



■ Most locations can use these projections without modification

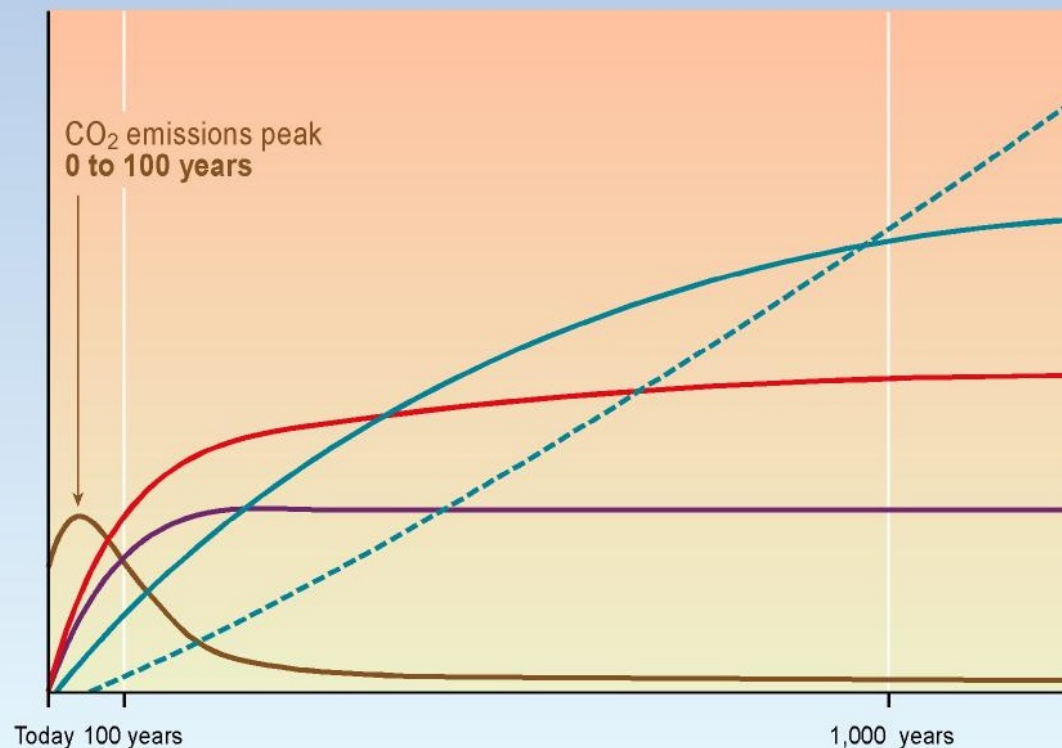
■ Humboldt Bay & Eel River Sea Level Rise

- SLR is at faster rate than region North of Cape Mendocino
- Modify projections to account for local vertical land motion

CO₂ concentration, temperature, and sea level continue to rise long after emissions are reduced

Magnitude of response

Time taken to reach equilibrium



Sea-level rise due to ice melting:
several millennia

Sea-level rise due to thermal
expansion:
centuries to millennia

Temperature stabilization:
a few centuries

CO₂ stabilization:
100 to 300 years

CO₂ emissions

SYR - FIGURE 5-2

Sea-Level Rise Science and Projections

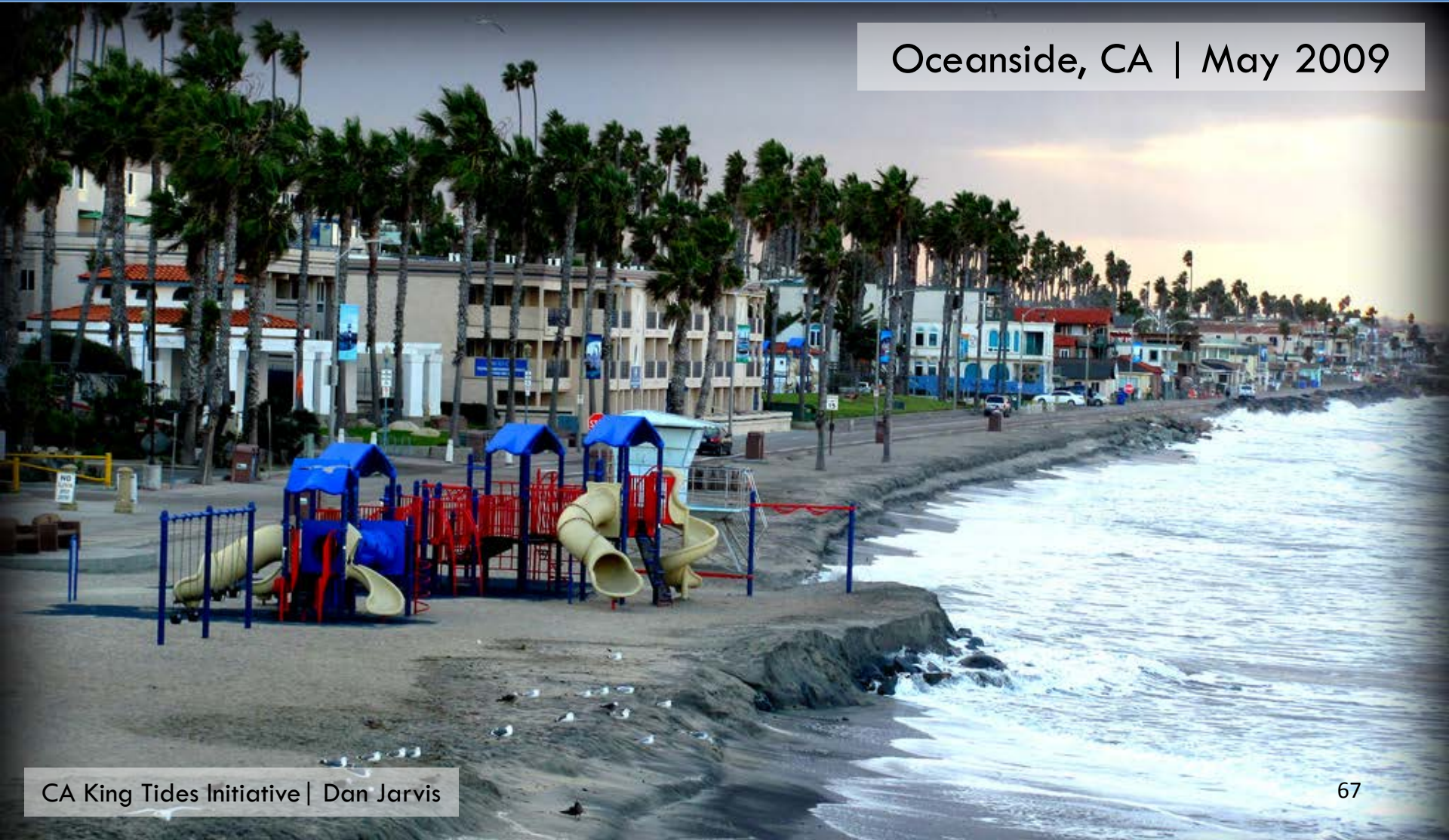
South Jetty, Humboldt Bay | Jan 2013

CA King Tides Initiative | Neva Swensen



Impacts to California

Oceanside, CA | May 2009





Sunset Beach, CA | Dec 2012



CA King Tides Initiative | Mario Fernandez

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Bolinas, Marin County | Dec 2011



Ocean Beach, San Francisco



Pacifica, CA



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Highway 1 at Surfer's Beach, Half Moon Bay | Feb 2011





Rincon Beach, Santa Barbara, CA | Dec 2012

David Powdrell

Port of San Diego



<http://commons.wikimedia.org>

Adaptation Challenge, Eroding Urban Areas: Solana Beach



Broad Beach, Malibu – getting thinner

- 114 homes
- Geological Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)
- \$20 million initial investment in replenishment



Western reach of Broad Beach, 1972

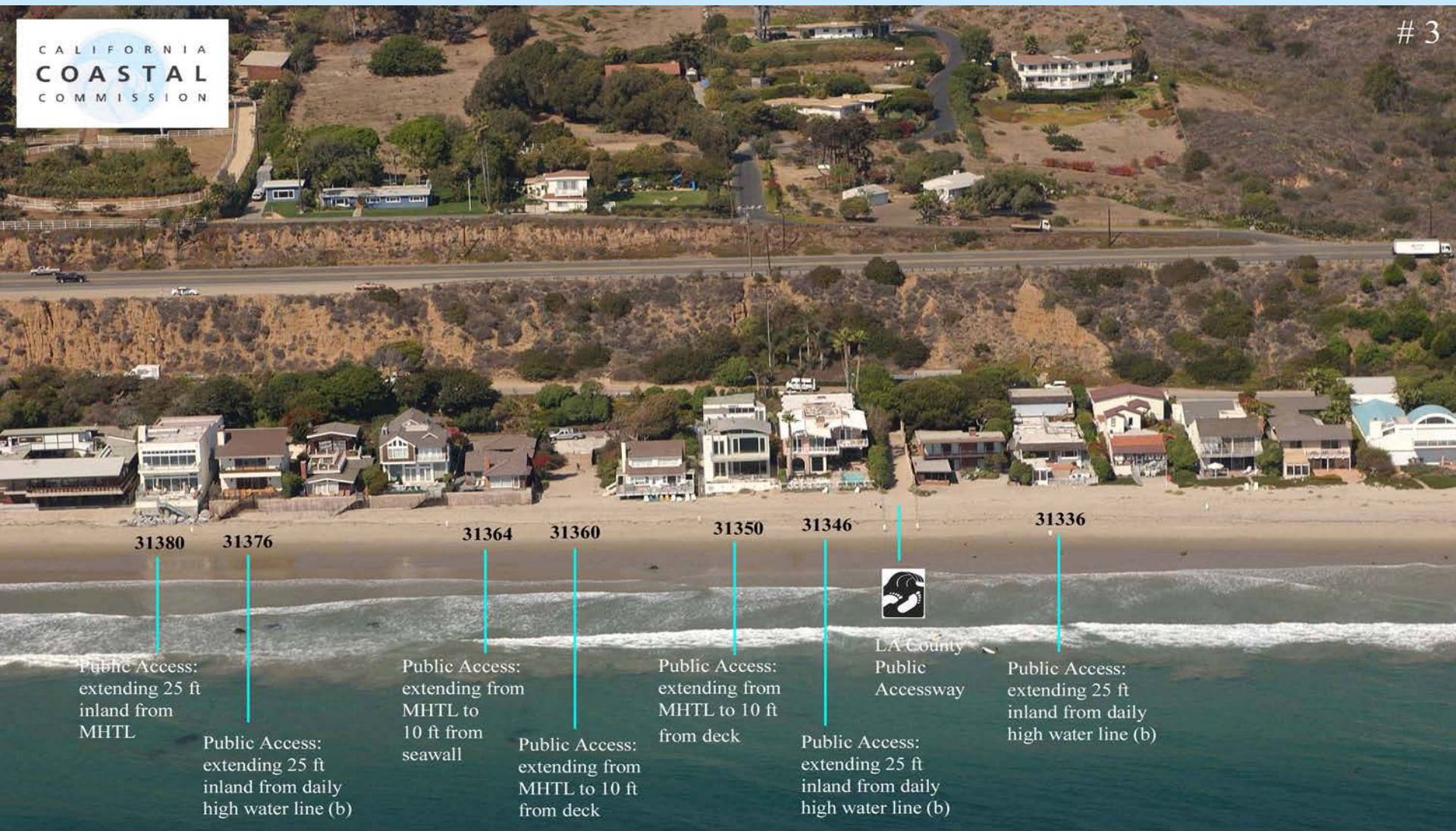


Western reach of Broad Beach, 2010

Broad Beach: Flooded Access Dedications?

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Public Access:
extending 25 ft
inland from
MHTL

Public Access:
extending 25 ft
inland from daily
high water line (b)

Public Access:
extending from
MHTL to
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LA County
Public
Accessway

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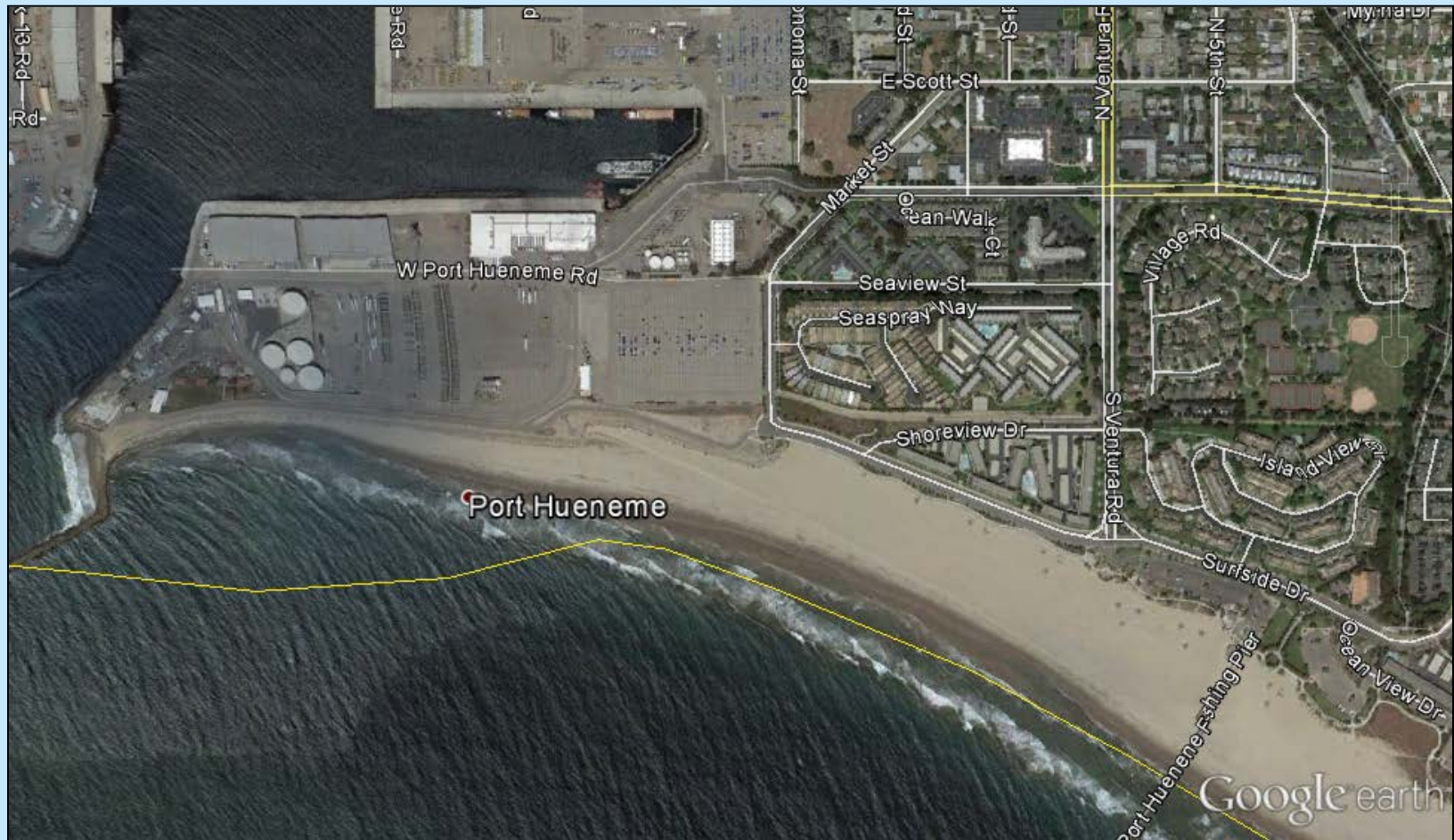
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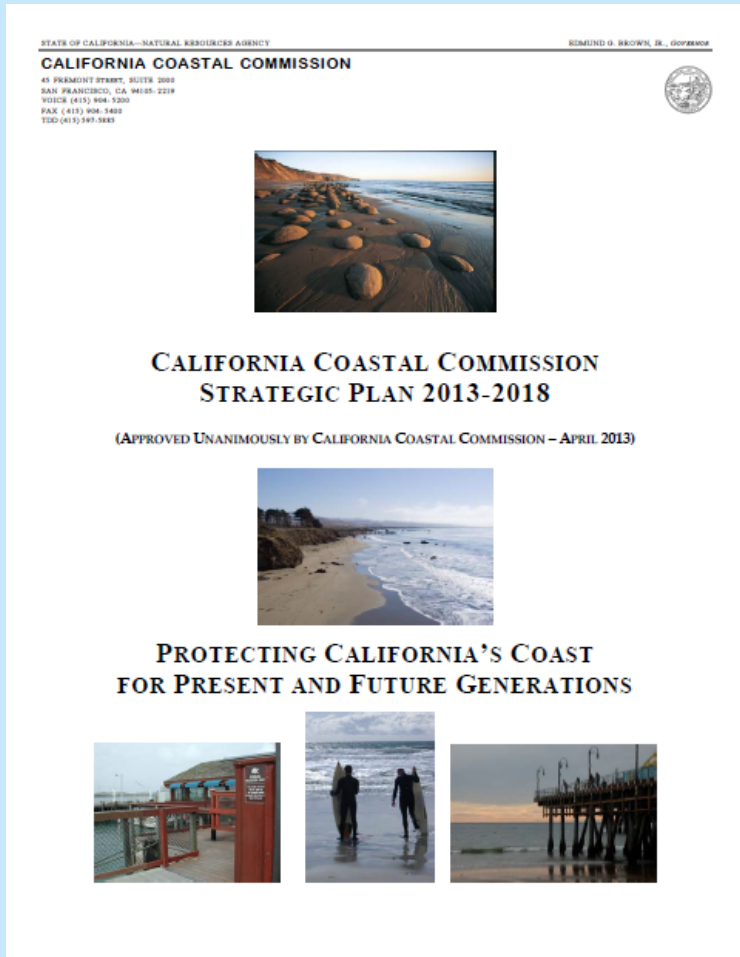
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Multi-Pronged Strategy to Address Climate Change with three overarching objectives:

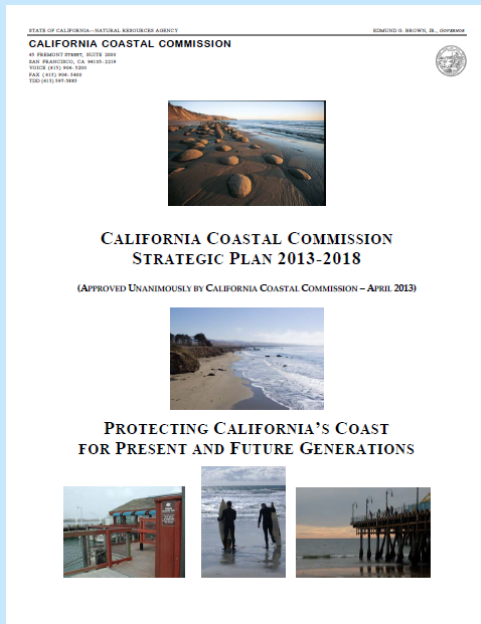
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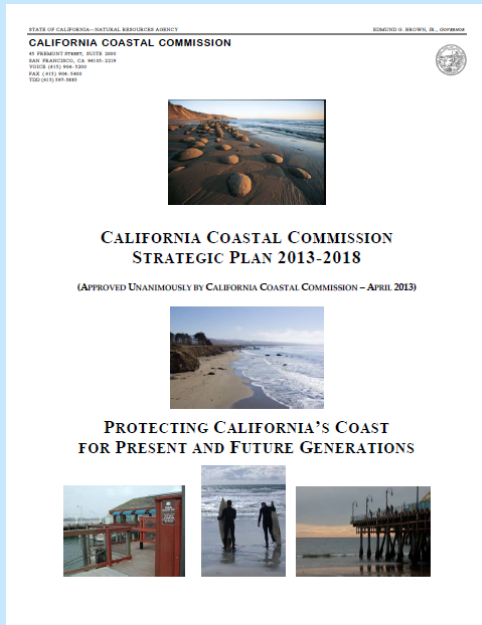
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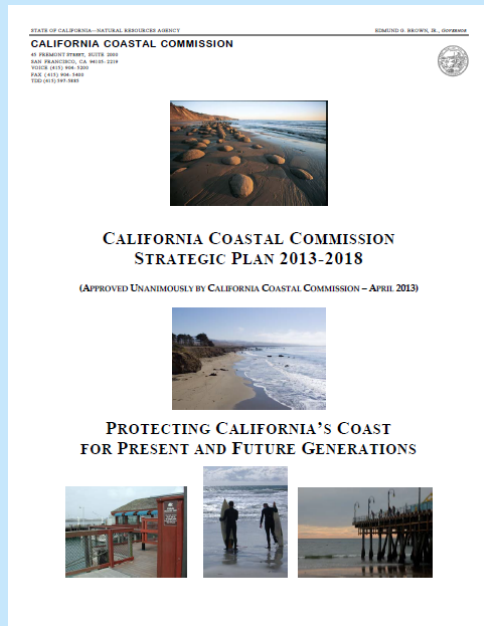


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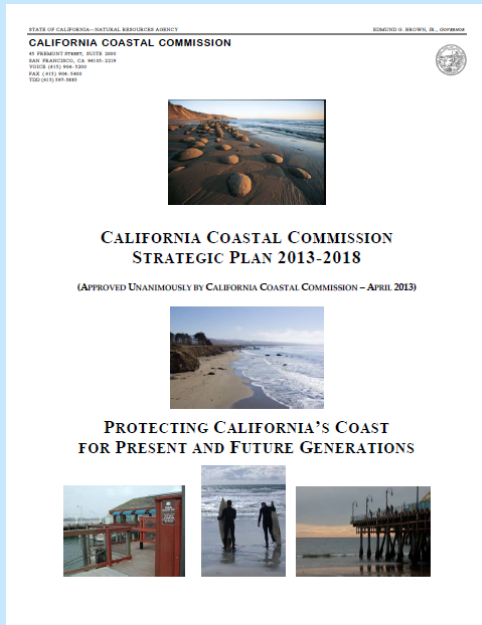


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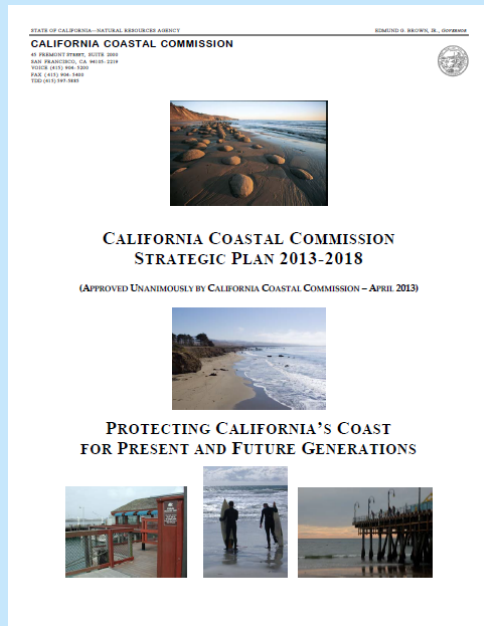


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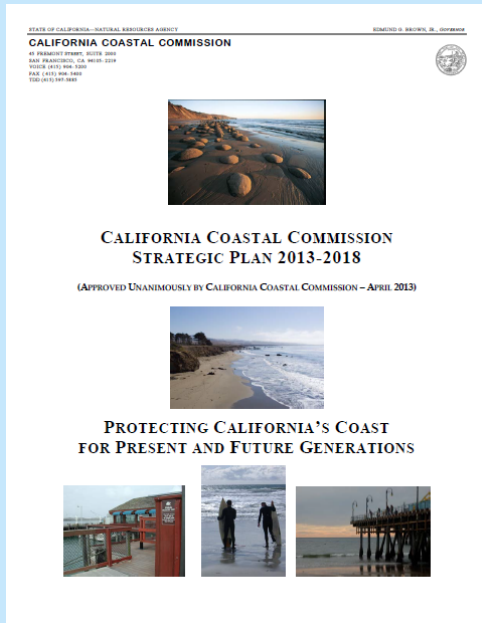
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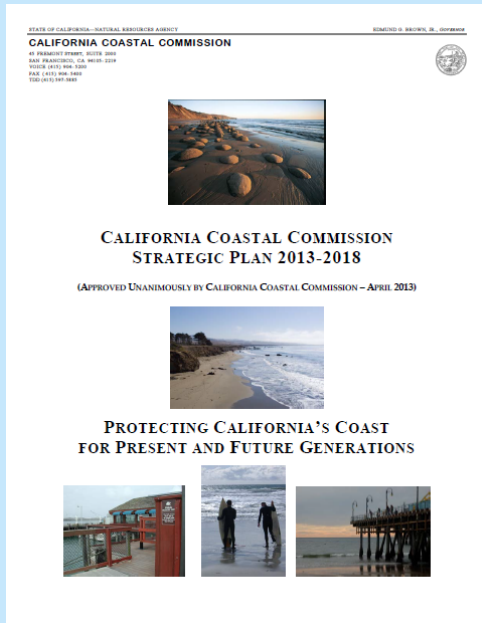


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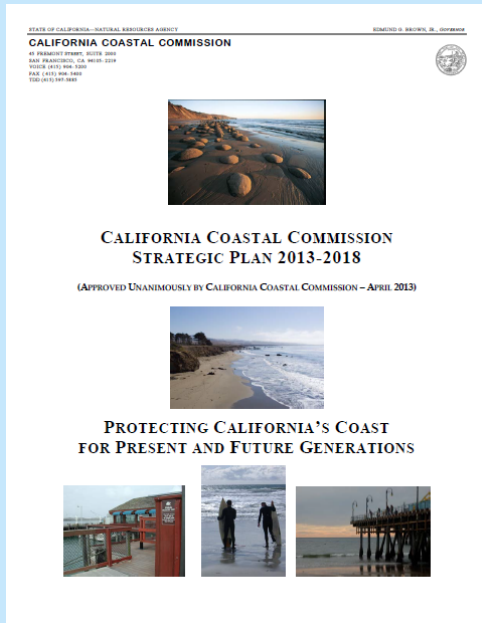


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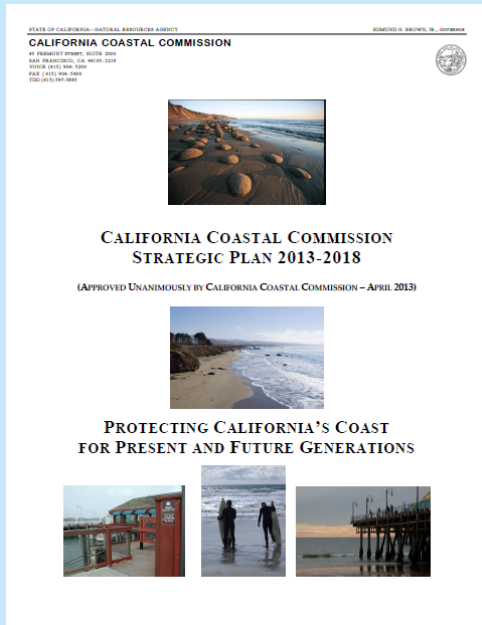
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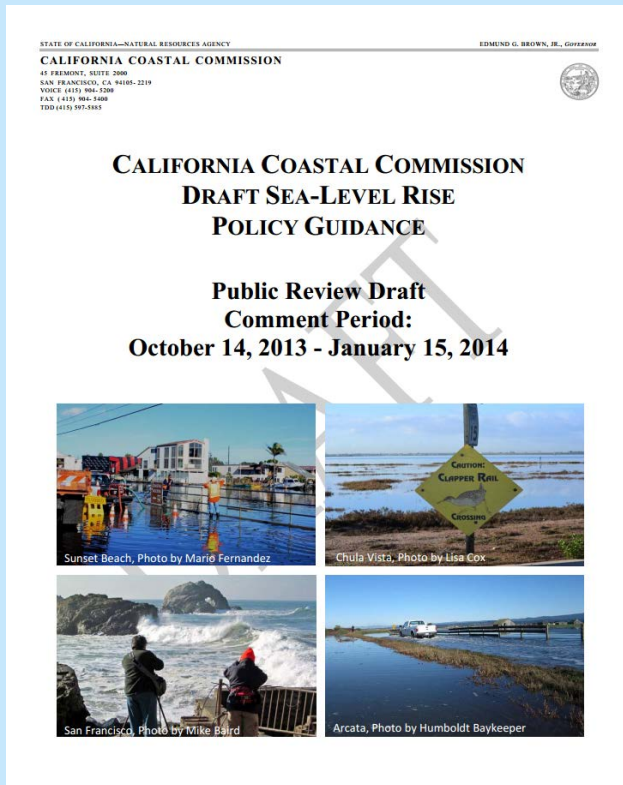


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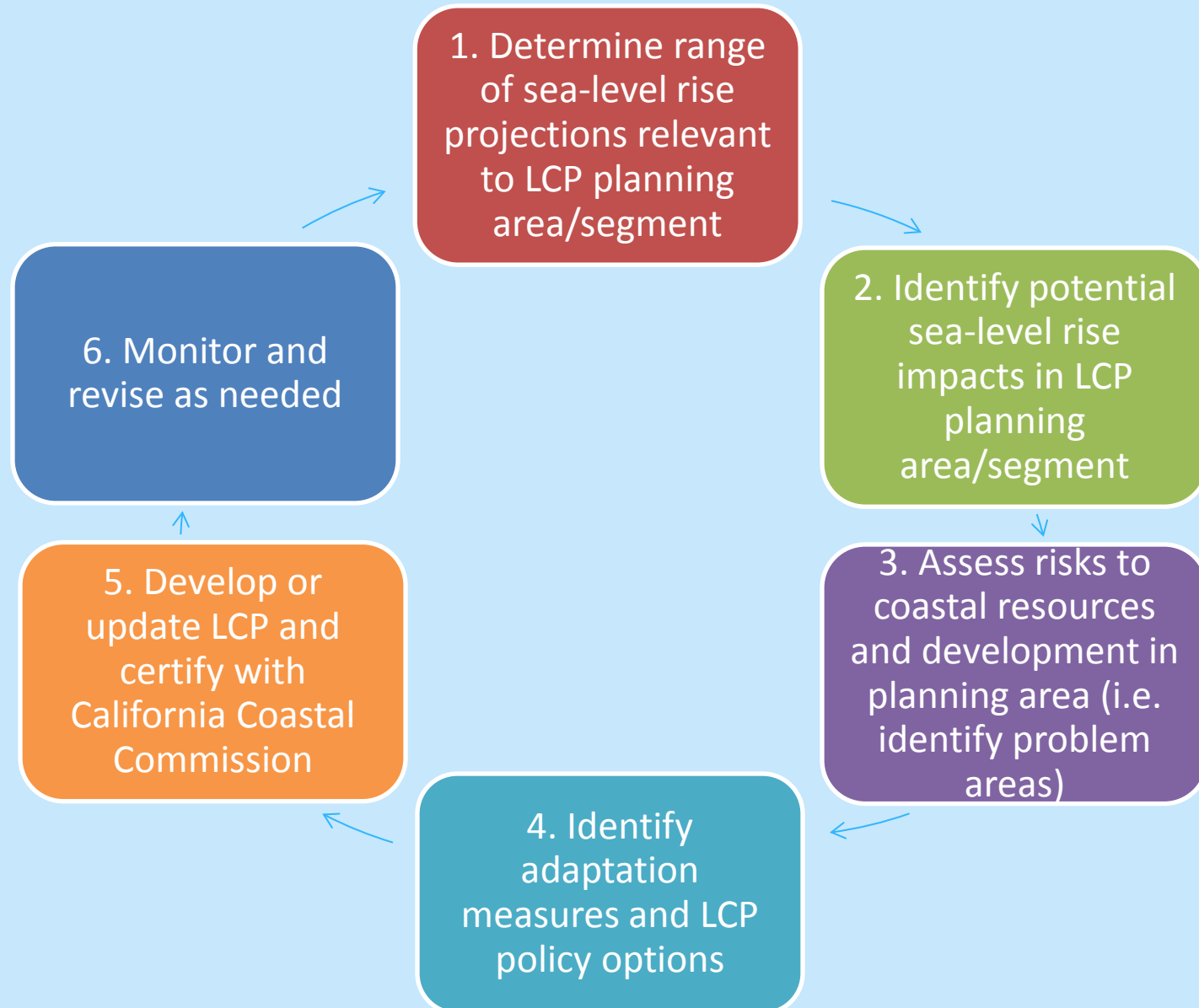
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- 3.3.3 Provide information and resources to educators and to the general public to increase understanding and encourage action related to coastal development planning and development to reduce GHGs.
- 3.3.4 Identify and implement feasible measures to reduce the carbon footprint of the Commission's business operations.

Draft Sea-Level Rise Guidance



- Use Best Available Science
- Assess local risks and impacts
- Analyze Planning Scenarios and Development Constraints
- Identify Adaptation Measures
- Update LCPs/Design Projects to address hazards (be adaptive) and protect other coastal resources
- Monitor and Revise

Steps for Addressing SLR in LCPs



Steps for Addressing SLR in CDPs

1. Establish the projected sea-level rise range for the proposed project

2. Determine how sea-level rise impacts may constrain the project site

3. Determine how the project may impact coastal resources over time, considering SLR

4. Identify project design alternatives to both avoid resource impacts and minimize risks to the project

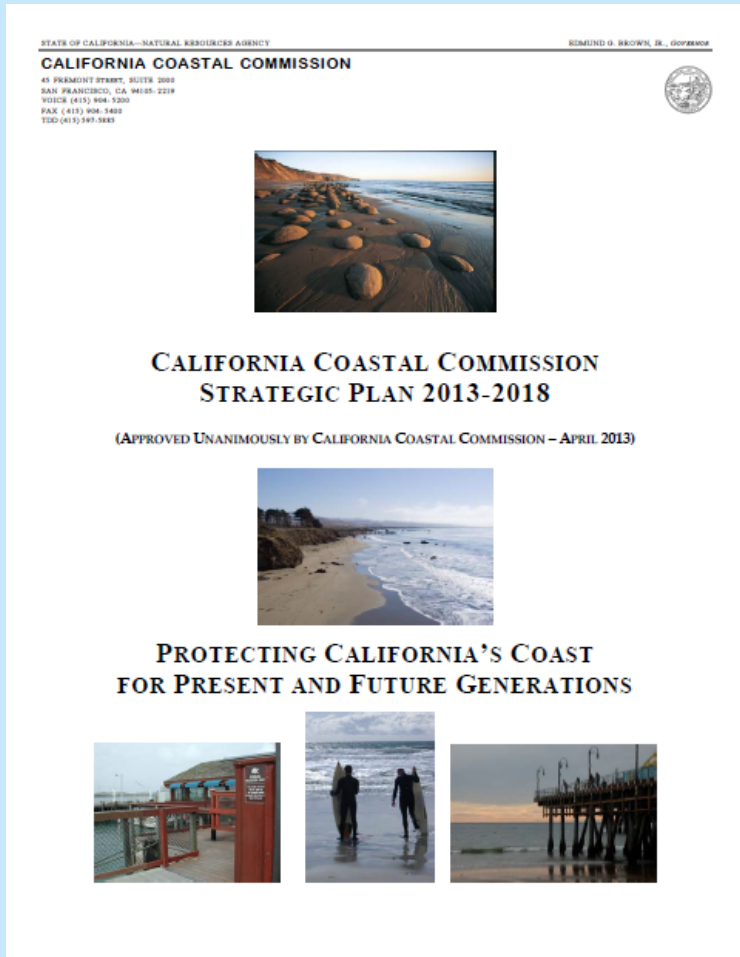
5. Finalize project design and submit permit application

LCP Certification and Permit Authority Delegation

- **76 Local Governments in the Coastal Zone:**
 - **15 Counties**
 - **61 Cities**
- Most (60) have certified LCPs in whole or part, which covers 85% of the geographic area of the CZ
- But, most LCPs are decades old, and have not been updated comprehensively. 15% of the coastal zone still uncertified (mostly cities).



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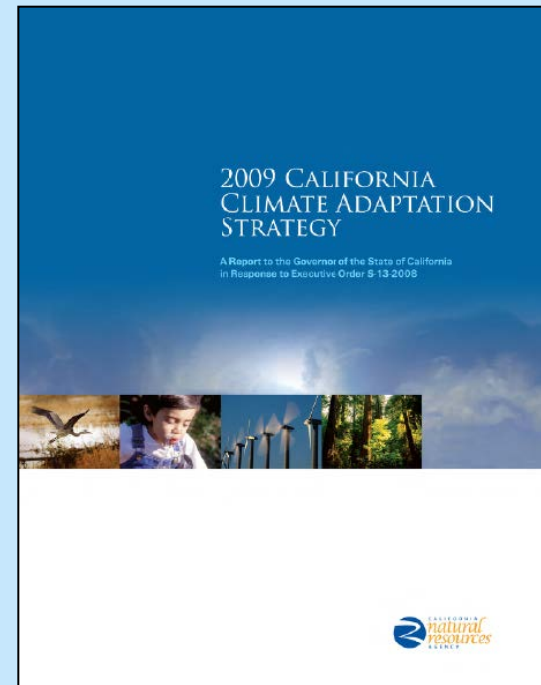
Multi-Pronged Strategy to Enhance LCP Program, including objectives:

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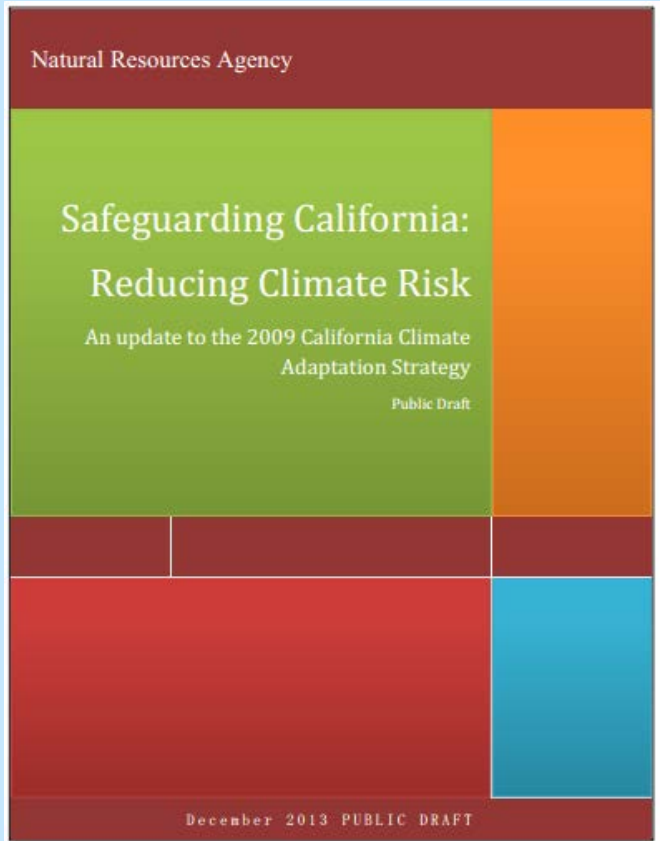
2009 Climate Adaptation Strategy 4: Support Regional and Local Planning for Addressing Sea-Level Rise Impacts

Amend Local Coastal Plans and General Plans to Address Climate Change Adaptation:

*By 2011, or within one year after development of the tools or guidance necessary to support such amendments **and if funding is secured**, all coastal jurisdictions, in coordination with the Coastal Commission, should begin to develop amended LCPs that include climate change impacts.*



Safeguarding California Plan



“Continued investments to update LCPs is necessary since most LCPs currently do not include plans for reducing risk from sea-level rise.”(p. 176)

LCP Strategies are context dependent

- **Stand and defend?**

- Hard - - seawalls, revetments, deep caissons

- Soft

- Beach Replenish/sand management?

- Groins or other offshore structural solutions?

- **Elevate?**

- **Move back (managed/planned retreat)?**

➤ **Solution will depend on context and social cost/benefit analysis**

LCP Adaptation Planning is Complex

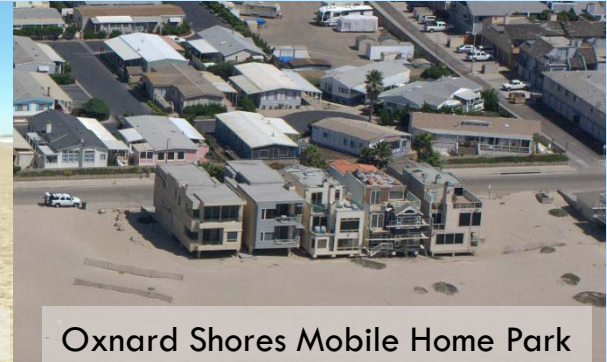
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McGrath State
Beach



Oxnard Beach State Park



Oxnard Shores Mobile Home Park



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Oxnard



Oxnard Farm
Fields

Reliant Ormand Beach Generating Station

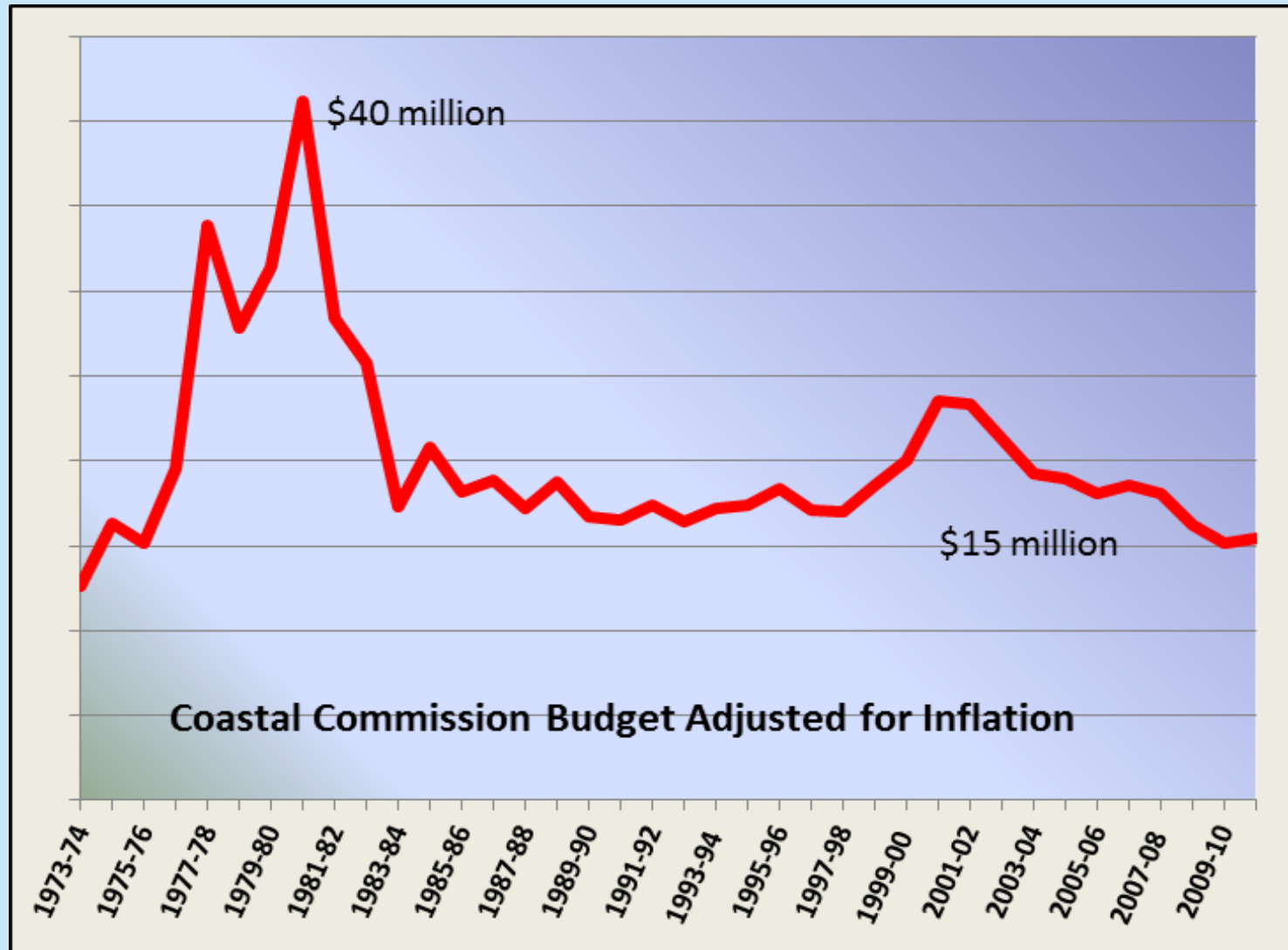


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Ormand Beach Wetlands

State Coastal Planning Capacity



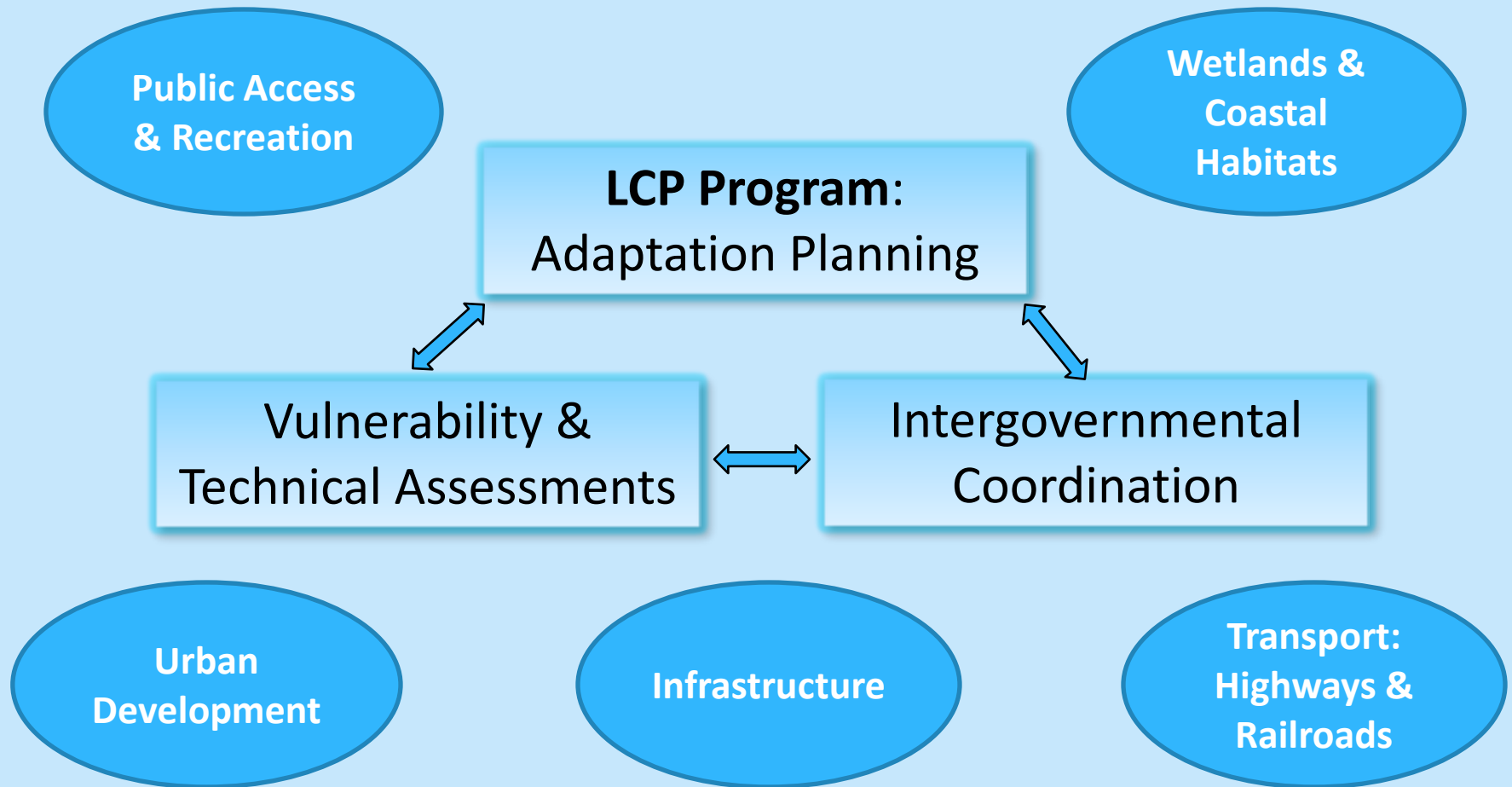
LCP Planning Capacity

- State Commission and Local Governments have limited capacity for Adaptation Planning
- Effective collaborative planning takes time and community involvement
- Coordinated funding strategy with OPC and the State Coastal Conservancy for local government
- FY 13-14 budget augmentation for Commission (\$3 million) and Local Government (\$1 million)

LCP Grants: \$5.2 million requested (28 applications), **\$1 million** awarded January 8



Coastal Adaptation Strategy





**We will adapt.
The questions are:
How? and When?**

Coastal Resiliency -- Stilwell Hall, Fort Ord



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